THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 191 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY DUSH, BAKER, BARRAR, BLOOM, D. COSTA, GODSHALL, KAUFFMAN, McGINNIS, MILLARD, RAPP, PHILLIPS-HILL, DIAMOND, CAUSER AND GABLER, MARCH 26, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MARCH 26, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Amending House Rule 45, further providing for powers and duties
2   of standing committees and subcommittees.

3   RESOLVED, That Rule 45 of the Rules of the House of

4 Representatives be amended by adding a paragraph to read:

5   RULE 45

6   Powers and Duties of Standing Committees

7   and Subcommittees

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9   <u>Each standing committee shall have the power to issue</u>

10 <u>subpoenas under the hand and seal of its chair commanding any</u>

11 <u>person to appear before it and answer questions touching</u>

12 <u>matters properly being inquired into by the committee, which</u>

13 <u>matters shall include wrongdoing or waste by a public body or</u>

14 <u>an instance of waste by any other employer as those terms are</u>

15 <u>defined in the act of December 12, 1986 (P.L.1559, No.169),</u>

16 <u>known as the Whistleblower Law, and to produce such books,</u>

17 <u>papers, records, documents and data and information produced</u>

1   and stored by any electronic data processing system as the

2   committee deems necessary. Such subpoenas may be served upon

3   any person and shall have the force and effect of subpoenas

4   issued out of the courts of this Commonwealth. Any person who

5   willfully neglects or refuses to testify before the committee

6   or to produce any books, papers, records, documents or data

7   and information produced and stored by any electronic data

8   processing system shall be subject to the penalties provided

9   by the laws of this Commonwealth in such case. Each member of

10   the committee shall have power to administer oaths and

11   affirmations to witnesses appearing before the committee. The

12   committee may also cause the deposition of witnesses either

13   residing within or without the State to be taken in the

14   manner prescribed by law for taking depositions in civil

15   actions.