

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 345 Session of
2022

INTRODUCED BY LANGERHOLC, PITTMAN, MARTIN, BAKER, ARGALL,
AUMENT, MENSCH, COSTA, GORDNER, ROBINSON, MASTRIANO, STEFANO
AND COLLETT, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

REFERRED TO LAW AND JUSTICE, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Establishing a special bipartisan, bicameral legislative
2 commission to recommend improvements for the recruitment and
3 retention of law enforcement officers, corrections officers
4 and prosecutors in this Commonwealth and develop and promote
5 legislation in furtherance of its recommendations.

6 WHEREAS, For there to be law and order in this Commonwealth
7 the Commonwealth must have properly staffed law enforcement
8 personnel in all counties and departments, properly staffed
9 county and State correctional institutions and properly staffed
10 district attorneys' offices with qualified and experienced
11 prosecutors; and

12 WHEREAS, Recruitment and retention challenges for all three
13 professions are at unprecedented levels, presenting more
14 challenges for these public servants to do their jobs
15 effectively; and

16 WHEREAS, Vacancies in these professions result in delays of
17 justice and fears of a decrease in public safety; and

18 WHEREAS, It is vital for vacancies in these professions to be
19 filled in a timely manner to ensure law and order; and

1 WHEREAS, The passage of Senate Resolution No. 6 in 2017
2 established a special bipartisan, bicameral legislative
3 commission to recommend improvements to the delivery of
4 emergency services in this Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, This commission provided legislative recommendations
6 that have been enacted by the General Assembly and therefore
7 have improved the delivery of emergency services in this
8 Commonwealth; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED (the House of Representatives concurring), That the
10 General Assembly establish a special bipartisan, bicameral
11 legislative commission to recommend improvements for the
12 recruitment and retention of law enforcement officers,
13 corrections officers and prosecutors in this Commonwealth and
14 develop and promote legislation in furtherance of its
15 recommendations; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the commission consist of the following
17 members:

18 (1) Four Senators, two from the majority party and two
19 from the minority party, appointed by the President pro
20 tempore of the Senate.

21 (2) Four Representatives, two from the majority party
22 and two from the minority party, appointed by the Speaker of
23 the House of Representatives.

24 (3) A designee of the County Commissioners Association
25 of Pennsylvania.

26 (4) A designee of the Pennsylvania Municipal League.

27 (5) A designee of the Pennsylvania State Association of
28 Boroughs.

29 (6) A designee of the Pennsylvania State Association of
30 Township Commissioners.

1 (7) A designee of the Pennsylvania State Association of
2 Township Supervisors.

3 (8) A designee of the Pennsylvania Councils of
4 Governments.

5 (9) The Commissioner of Pennsylvania State Police or a
6 designee.

7 (10) A designee of the Municipal Police Officers'
8 Education and Training Commission.

9 (11) A designee of the Pennsylvania State Troopers
10 Association.

11 (12) A designee of the Pennsylvania Fraternal Order of
12 Police.

13 (13) A designee of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police
14 Association.

15 (14) A designee of the Pennsylvania Sheriffs
16 Association.

17 (15) A designee of the Fraternal Order of Transit
18 Police.

19 (16) The Secretary of Corrections of this Commonwealth
20 or a designee.

21 (17) A designee of the Pennsylvania State Corrections
22 Officers Association.

23 (18) Two State corrections officers in this
24 Commonwealth, one of whom shall be selected by the President
25 pro tempore of the Senate and one of whom shall be selected
26 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

27 (19) Two county corrections officers in this
28 Commonwealth, one of whom shall be selected by the President
29 pro tempore of the Senate and one of whom shall be selected
30 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

1 (20) A designee of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

2 (21) A designee of the Pennsylvania District Attorneys
3 Association.

4 (22) Six district attorneys in this Commonwealth who are
5 members of the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association,
6 three of whom shall be selected by the President pro tempore
7 of the Senate and three of whom shall be selected by the
8 Speaker of the House of Representatives;

9 and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the commission elect a chair from its
11 legislative membership; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the commission develop and recommend
13 legislation to improve recruitment and retention of law
14 enforcement officers, corrections officers and prosecutors; and
15 be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the commission hold hearings, take testimony
17 and make its investigations at such places as it deems necessary
18 in this Commonwealth; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
20 provide staff support and assist with the final report; and be
21 it further

22 RESOLVED, That the commission make a final report of all
23 legislative recommendations by June 30, 2023, which shall be
24 submitted to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the
25 Speaker of the House of Representatives; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the members of the commission serve without
27 compensation but be reimbursed for all necessary and reasonable
28 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties; and be it
29 further

30 RESOLVED, That reasonable expenses incurred by the commission

1 be equally divided between the Senate and the House of
2 Representatives; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the approval of the President pro tempore of
4 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives be
5 required to preauthorize all proposed actions of the commission
6 which will entail the expenditure of State funds and approve all
7 expenditures, including expense reimbursement requests of
8 commission members, prior to payment.