
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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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, county and State
9 correctional institutions and district attorneys' offices with
10 qualified and experienced prosecutors; and

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

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

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

19 WHEREAS, The passage of Senate Resolution No. 6 in 2017

1 established a special bipartisan, bicameral legislative
2 commission to recommend improvements to the delivery of
3 emergency services in this Commonwealth; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 (7) A designee of the Pennsylvania State Association of

1 Township Supervisors.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 (16) The Secretary of Corrections of the Commonwealth or
19 a designee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 and be it further

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

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

15 RESOLVED, That the commission hold hearings, take testimony
16 and conduct investigations at any location it deems necessary in
17 this Commonwealth; and be it further

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

21 RESOLVED, That the commission make a final report of all
22 legislative recommendations by January 1, 2024, which shall be
23 submitted to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the
24 Speaker of the House of Representatives; and be it further

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

29 RESOLVED, That reasonable expenses incurred by the commission
30 be equally divided between the Senate and the House of

1 Representatives; and be it further

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