

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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AS AMENDED, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, NOVEMBER 13, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to  
2 conduct a study concerning the consolidation or merger of  
3 municipal police departments in this Commonwealth.

4 WHEREAS, There are 1,124 municipal police departments serving  
5 the citizens of this Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth currently faces a period of fiscal  
7 concern that requires each level of government in this  
8 Commonwealth to consider avenues of potential reduction in costs  
9 and expenditures; and

10 WHEREAS, One potential way to reduce costs while continuing  
11 to ensure public safety is to consolidate or merge municipal  
12 police departments; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the  
14 Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study  
15 concerning the consolidation or merger of municipal police  
16 departments in this Commonwealth; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the study include an analysis of the funding  
18 of municipal police departments and provide recommendations

1 necessary to improve the manner in which municipal police  
2 departments are funded throughout this Commonwealth; and be it  
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That the study include an exploration of additional  
5 ways in which municipalities can determine and share the costs  
6 of police services, such as purchasing services in this  
7 Commonwealth; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the study include an analysis of any potential  
9 savings that may result from the consolidation or merger of  
10 municipal police departments or otherwise sharing police  
11 services, such as purchasing services in this Commonwealth; and  
12 be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee  
14 provide suggested guidelines to assist municipalities with a  
15 municipal police department to identify those municipal police  
16 departments best suited for consolidation or merger; and be it  
17 further

18 RESOLVED, THAT THE STUDY INCLUDE AN APPROXIMATION OF THE COST <--  
19 TO THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE TO PATROL MUNICIPALITIES WITH  
20 EITHER A PART-TIME MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENT OR NO MUNICIPAL  
21 POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND BE IT FURTHER

22 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee  
23 prepare a report with its analysis and recommendations and  
24 transmit a copy of the report to the chairman, minority chairman  
25 and all members of the Local Government Committee of the House  
26 of Representatives within one year of the adoption of this  
27 resolution.