
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BURGOS, KINSEY, KENYATTA, DELLOSO, HILL-EVANS,
PARKER, SANCHEZ AND SHUSTERMAN, MARCH 30, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MARCH 30, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to
2 conduct a performance audit of the Philadelphia Department of
3 Public Health's Tobacco Policy and Control Program as it
4 relates to the investigations of tobacco outlets in the city.

5 WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Department of Public Health
6 established the Tobacco Policy and Control Program to address
7 tobacco use and its health implications; and

8 WHEREAS, The goal of the Tobacco Policy and Control Program
9 is to reduce smoking rates and expand smoke-free environments
10 throughout the city; and

11 WHEREAS, The Tobacco Policy and Control Program enforces
12 policies that restrict smoking and restrict those who can buy
13 tobacco products; and

14 WHEREAS, For the City of Philadelphia's fiscal year 2022,
15 \$1.6 million of State funding was specifically allocated toward
16 the Comprehensive Tobacco Control Program Grant designated for
17 the Tobacco Policy and Control Program; and

18 WHEREAS, The purpose of the Comprehensive Tobacco Control
19 Program Grant is to reduce health complications related to

1 tobacco use through prevention, cessation, community-based
2 public awareness and other services and initiatives; and

3 WHEREAS, The Tobacco Policy and Control Program helps to
4 conduct investigations to ensure that tobacco restrictions are
5 systematically and uniformly enforced; and

6 WHEREAS, However, concerns have been expressed that the
7 investigations are not being conducted in a systematic and
8 uniform manner; and

9 WHEREAS, The Legislative Budget and Finance Committee has the
10 authority to conduct a performance review of the Tobacco Policy
11 and Control Program due to the program's funding through a State
12 grant; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the
14 Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a
15 performance audit of the Philadelphia Department of Public
16 Health's Tobacco Policy and Control Program as it relates to the
17 investigations of tobacco outlets in the city; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the audit include a review of the performance
19 measures and objectives of the Tobacco Policy and Control
20 Program; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
22 report its findings and conclusions to the House of
23 Representatives within 18 months of the date of adoption of this
24 resolution.