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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY PETRI, BARRAR, CLYMER, D. COSTA, FLECK, GODSHALL,  
GROVE, QUINN, SWANGER AND WATSON, FEBRUARY 11, 2013

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 11, 2013

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A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study  
2 intermodal transit in southeastern Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The regions of this Commonwealth consisting of

4 Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Northampton, Lehigh, Berks,

5 Philadelphia and Montgomery counties are presently served by the

6 following transportation systems:

7 (1) Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority.

8 (2) Philadelphia Parking Authority.

9 (3) Delaware River Port Authority.

10 (4) Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission;

11 therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee

13 make a study of replacing the current transit entities in

14 southeastern Pennsylvania with a regional system to make

15 recommendations for dedicated funds from locally derived sources

16 and meet with the affected transportation systems; and be it

17 further

18 RESOLVED, That among the sources the committee may consider

1 are a levy to be imposed on parking facilities, including  
2 airport parking facilities, naming rights, advertising, bridge  
3 tolling, privatization of road systems, direct revenue sources  
4 derived from tolling of specific lanes or structures or  
5 surcharges for use of certain lanes by motorists at specified  
6 times during the day; and be it further

7       RESOLVED, That the committee be precluded from identifying  
8 any other local revenue derived from the imposition of a realty  
9 transfer tax, earned income tax or regional sales tax upon the  
10 residents or businesses located within the geographical  
11 boundaries of the district without public recommendation from a  
12 majority of the members of the committee for any other locally  
13 derived revenue which would require legislative enactment by the  
14 General Assembly; and be it further

15       RESOLVED, That the committee also hold public hearings on the  
16 matters to be considered by it at locations throughout  
17 southeastern Pennsylvania, including specifically those areas  
18 most likely to be served by any system that may replace the  
19 existing transit entities in southeastern Pennsylvania. All  
20 meetings and public hearings of the committee shall be deemed  
21 meetings for the purposes of and subject to 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 7  
22 (relating to open meetings); and be it further

23       RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee  
24 report its findings and recommendations to the House of  
25 Representatives on August 31, 2014; and be it further

26       RESOLVED, That upon receipt of the final report of the  
27 committee, the House of Representatives promptly review and  
28 consider the recommendations of the committee and develop  
29 legislation based on those recommendations for consideration as  
30 it deems appropriate.