

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 174 Session of 2022

INTRODUCED BY KAUFER, SNYDER, BERNSTINE, COOK, FRITZ, GUENST, MILLARD, OWLETT, PICKETT, RADER, RIGBY, ROWE, STRUZZI, CIRESI, GILLEN AND WELBY, MARCH 8, 2022

AS AMENDED, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OCTOBER 26, 2022

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to
2 conduct a thorough and comprehensive study on the cost of
3 implementing a safety plan for staffing of State correctional
4 institutions on Level 3 and Level 4 housing units in this
5 Commonwealth.

6 WHEREAS, Since 1954, seven corrections officers or employees
7 at the Department of Corrections were killed in the line of duty
8 as a result of an assault; and

9 WHEREAS, The most recent occurred in 2018 when a corrections
10 officer was assaulted and kicked in the head, later dying from
11 his injuries; and

12 WHEREAS, There have also been numerous major assaults
13 committed by inmates in recent years that have been directed at
14 corrections officers or employees; and

15 WHEREAS, A major assault is defined as an assault that causes
16 the victim to seek care from a medical facility outside the
17 State correctional institution; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the
19 Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a thorough

1 and comprehensive study on the cost of implementing a safety
2 plan for staffing of State correctional institutions on Level 3
3 and Level 4 housing units in this Commonwealth; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That the study determine the cost to have all Level
6 3 and Level 4 housing units at State correctional institutions
7 be staffed by at least two correctional officers per pod where
8 inmates are permitted freedom of movements from their cells, but
9 that the study not apply to any Level 3 or Level 4 housing unit
10 constructed within a secure bubble; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
12 submit a report to the House of Representatives containing its
13 findings and recommendations resulting from the study no later
14 than August 31, ~~2022~~ 2023.

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