THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY MUSTIO, KILLION, ENGLISH, BAKER, MILLARD, TOEPEL, STERN, PICKETT, CALTAGIRONE, O'NEILL, SWANGER, COX, READSHAW, PAINTER, METCALFE, LONGIETTI, MURT, CLYMER, GINGRICH, ROEBUCK, DENLINGER AND BENNINGHOFF, MARCH 13, 2014

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 13, 2014

A RESOLUTION

Encouraging State public pension fund fiduciaries to support 1 protection of all pension fund members by embracing new 2 technology capable of uncovering National Best Bid and Offer violations through forensic analysis. 5 WHEREAS, National Best Bid and Offer (NBBO) is a Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) regulation requiring brokers to 7 guarantee customers the best available ask price when buying securities and best available bid price when selling; and 8 9 WHEREAS, The SEC has stated that 7.5% of all stock shares 10 have NBBO violations; and 11 WHEREAS, Nationally, there has been over \$20 billion in documented cases of NBBO stock trade thru violations between 12 13 2008 and 2013; and 14 WHEREAS, Technology has been developed that is capable of 15 performing a forensic analysis of every stock trade and 16 execution for possible NBBO stock trade thru violations; and 17 WHEREAS, NBBO violations uncovered through forensic analysis 18 are fully recoverable; and

- 1 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth's public pension systems are not
- 2 currently engaging in forensic trade thru examinations which
- 3 would identify all transactions where best execution was not
- 4 received; and
- 5 WHEREAS, State pension fiduciaries need to do everything
- 6 possible from a technological standpoint to ensure that the
- 7 Commonwealth's public pension systems are achieving the highest
- 8 possible returns; therefore be it
- 9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize that
- 10 the Commonwealth's public pension systems are not currently
- 11 engaging in forensic trade thru examinations which would
- 12 identify all transactions where best execution was not received;
- 13 and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage State
- 15 public pension fund fiduciaries to support the protection of all
- 16 pension fund members and embrace new technology that can uncover
- 17 these violated trades through forensic analysis.