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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 76 Session of  
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CAPPELLETTI AND COSTA, APRIL 21, 2021

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, APRIL 21, 2021

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A RESOLUTION

1 Amending Senate Rule 14, further providing for committees.

2 RESOLVED, That Senate Rule 14(d) be amended to read:

3 Rule 14. Committees.

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5 (d) Powers and responsibilities.--Standing committees are  
6 authorized:

7 (1) To maintain a continuous review of the work of the  
8 Commonwealth agencies concerned with their subject areas and  
9 the performance of the functions of government within each  
10 such subject area, and for this purpose to request reports  
11 from time to time, in such form as the standing committee  
12 shall designate, concerning the operation of any Commonwealth  
13 agency and presenting any proposal or recommendation such  
14 agency may have with regard to existing laws or proposed  
15 legislation in its subject area. The standing committee is  
16 authorized to require public officials and employees and  
17 private individuals to appear before the standing committee

1 for the purpose of submitting information to it.

2 (2) In order to carry out its duties, each standing  
3 committee is empowered with the right and authority to  
4 inspect and investigate the books, records, papers,  
5 documents, data, operation and physical plant of any public  
6 agency in this Commonwealth.

7 (3) In order to carry out its duties, each standing  
8 committee or special committee appointed under Rule 5(a) (2)  
9 may issue subpoenas, subpoenas duces tecum and other  
10 necessary process to compel the attendance of witnesses and  
11 the production of any books, letters or other documentary  
12 evidence desired by the committee. The chair may administer  
13 oaths and affirmations in the manner prescribed by law to  
14 witnesses who shall appear before the committee to testify.

15 (4) Each bill referred to a standing committee shall be  
16 considered by the standing committee upon its merits and  
17 acted upon by the standing committee at a scheduled meeting.

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