
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 216 Session of
2022

INTRODUCED BY KAIL, JUNE 27, 2022

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 27, 2022

A RESOLUTION

1 Establishing, authorizing and empowering the Select Committee on
2 Restoring Law and Order to investigate, review and make
3 findings and recommendations concerning rising rates of
4 crime, law enforcement and the enforcement of crime victim
5 rights.

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives establish,
7 authorize and empower the Select Committee on Restoring Law and
8 Order to investigate, review and make findings and
9 recommendations concerning:

10 (1) The rising rates of crime, including, but not
11 limited to, the enforcement and prosecution of violent crime
12 and offenses involving the illegal possession of firearms, in
13 the City of Philadelphia.

14 (2) The use of public funds intended for the purpose of
15 enforcing the criminal law and prosecuting crime in the City
16 of Philadelphia.

17 (3) The enforcement of crime victim rights, including,
18 but not limited to, those rights afforded to crime victims by
19 statute or court rule, in the City of Philadelphia.

20 (4) The use of public funds intended for the purpose of

1 benefiting crime victims, including, but not limited to,
2 crime victim compensation and crime victim services, in the
3 City of Philadelphia;

4 and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the findings and recommendations of the select
6 committee may include, but are not limited to, any of the
7 following:

8 (1) Determinations regarding the performance of public
9 officials empowered to enforce the law in the City of
10 Philadelphia, including the district attorney, and
11 recommendations for removal from office or other appropriate
12 discipline, including impeachment.

13 (2) Legislation or other legislative action relating to
14 policing, prosecution, sentencing and any other aspect of law
15 enforcement.

16 (3) Legislation or other legislative action relating to
17 ensuring the protection, enforcement and delivery of
18 appropriate services and compensation to crime victims.

19 (4) Legislation or other legislative action relating to
20 ensuring the appropriate expenditure of public funds intended
21 for the purpose of law enforcement, prosecutions or to
22 benefit crime victims.

23 (5) Other legislative action as the select committee
24 finds necessary to ensure appropriate enforcement of law and
25 order in the City of Philadelphia;

26 and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the select committee consist of five members
28 of the House of Representatives, including three members from
29 the majority party of the House of Representatives and two
30 members from the minority party of the House of Representatives;

1 and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives
3 appoint the chair of the select committee from among the members
4 of the select committee; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the chair of the select committee, on behalf
6 of the select committee, be authorized and empowered to do all
7 of the following:

8 (1) send for individuals and papers and subpoena
9 witnesses, documents, including electronically stored
10 information, and any other materials under the hand and seal
11 of the chair;

12 (2) administer oaths to witnesses;

13 (3) take testimony;

14 (4) conduct interviews, take statements and any other
15 investigative steps as determined by the chair;

16 (5) prepare and file pleadings and other legal
17 documents; and

18 (6) employ counsel and staff for the use of the chair or
19 the select committee;

20 and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Sergeant-at-Arms or a deputy, or other
22 competent adult authorized by the chair, serve the process and
23 execute the order of the select committee; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the select committee be authorized to sit
25 during the sessions of the House of Representatives; and be it
26 further

27 RESOLVED, That the expenses of the select committee
28 investigation be paid by the Chief Clerk from appropriation
29 accounts under the Chief Clerk's exclusive control and
30 jurisdiction upon a written request approved by the Speaker of

1 the House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the House
2 of Representatives or the Minority Leader of the House of
3 Representatives; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing
5 assist the select committee to the extent requested by the chair
6 of the select committee; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Judiciary Committee of the House of
8 Representatives assist the select committee to the extent
9 requested by the chair of the select committee; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That the select committee submit a final report to
12 the House of Representatives with its findings and
13 recommendations, which shall be made available to the public.