

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY KAZEEM, WAXMAN, HOHENSTEIN, HILL-EVANS, RIVERA,
RABB, D. WILLIAMS, MAYES, SANCHEZ, CURRY AND GREEN,
FEBRUARY 4, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a
2 study on trauma-informed care training provided to law
3 enforcement officers under Act 59 of 2020 and issue a report
4 of its findings and recommendations to the House of
5 Representatives.

6 WHEREAS, The American Psychological Association defines
7 trauma as any disturbing experience that results in significant
8 fear, helplessness, dissociation, confusion or other disruptive
9 feelings intense enough to have a long-lasting negative effect
10 on a person's attitudes, behavior and other aspects of
11 functioning; and

12 WHEREAS, Law enforcement officers, as first responders,
13 regularly encounter dangerous and tragic events which may have
14 traumatic effects on their physical, cognitive and behavioral
15 well-being; and

16 WHEREAS, Law enforcement officers who have experienced trauma
17 or who live with post-traumatic stress disorder may be reluctant
18 to seek support from loved ones, professional resources or
19 superiors due to concerns about stigma or potential employment

1 consequences; and

2 WHEREAS, Trauma-informed care is a framework for
3 understanding the prevalence and impact of trauma, for training
4 first responders on interacting with trauma-affected individuals
5 and for integrating this knowledge into policy and practice
6 while avoiding re-traumatization; and

7 WHEREAS, Training in trauma-informed care can help law
8 enforcement officers reduce trauma on scene, improve
9 interactions with members of the public who have experienced
10 trauma or live with post-traumatic stress disorder and encourage
11 recognition of trauma among fellow officers; and

12 WHEREAS, The General Assembly enacted Act 59 of 2020 to
13 provide for mental health evaluations for law enforcement
14 officers under specified circumstances and to require training
15 in trauma-informed care and post-traumatic stress disorder
16 through the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training
17 Commission; and

18 WHEREAS, Training provided under Act 59 of 2020 is critical
19 to the safety of law enforcement officers and the public and may
20 significantly affect outcomes in law enforcement encounters;
21 therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the Joint
23 State Government Commission to conduct a study on trauma-
24 informed care training provided to law enforcement officers
25 under Act 59 of 2020 and issue a report of its findings and
26 recommendations to the House of Representatives; and be it
27 further

28 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission, in
29 conducting the study, examine and report on all of the
30 following:

(1) How law enforcement officers are trained on trauma-informed care, including training on all of the following:

(i) Recognizing and interacting with individuals with post-traumatic stress disorder.

(ii) Intervening with or on behalf of fellow officers exhibiting signs of post-traumatic stress disorder.

(2) The frequency with which such training is provided to law enforcement officers.

(3) The identity and qualifications of training providers, including whether the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission contracts with outside entities for this purpose.

(4) How the training requirements and content in this Commonwealth compare with those of other states.

(5) Available data on the number of law enforcement officers who have received or not received such training, disaggregated by county.

(6) Available data on the effects of such training on reducing incidents of violence involving law enforcement officers and individuals with post-traumatic stress disorder.

(7) Potential changes to State law, practices, policies or procedures to improve trauma-informed care training for law enforcement officers and enhance interactions with individuals affected by trauma;

and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission issue a
28 report of its findings and recommendations to the House of
29 Representatives no later than one year after the adoption of
30 this resolution.