

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT ANALYSIS

Resolution: Senate Resolution 6

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Summary: This resolution directs the Joint State Government Commission to undertake a study of the administration of the death penalty in Pennsylvania. The Justice Center for Research at Penn State, in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Interbranch Commission on Gender, Racial and Ethnic Fairness, has received funding to undertake such a study. The Justice Center for Research believes that the Joint State Government Commission, through use of the advisory committee established by this resolution, would be a good fit in assisting the Justice Center with its study.

The amendment directs the Joint State Government Commission to collaborate with the Justice Center for Research in conducting the study of the administration of the death penalty contemplated by the resolution. The collaboration may be formalized through a memorandum of understanding that would delineate what each organization will provide to the other in conducting the study.