

RESOLUTION No. 17 - 2012

A resolution of the County of Dauphin, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to approve House Bill 135.

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's Justice Reinvestment Workgroup was formed to examine the criminal justice system in Pennsylvania, including state prisons, county jails, probation, parole and law enforcement; and

**WHEREAS**, the findings of the Justice Reinvestment effort defined a series of changes that are crucially important for the state to implement to control costs while protecting public safety, while utilizing the most appropriate resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the state and counties share a strong partnership in assuring that individuals who are under a sentence of the courts for a criminal act are properly supervised, whether through incarceration, community options, or through diversion efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the House and Senate passed and the Governor signed into law SB 100, now Act 122 of 2012, which will begin realigning resources and funding for criminal justice efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, additional legislation to authorize the transfer of funds from state prison purposes to county jails, county probation departments, and local law enforcement must also occur for the strategy to be fully implemented; and

**WHEREAS**, HB 135 will contain the provisions needed to direct funds to local needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the abbreviated session opportunities remaining in 2012 therefore necessitate swift action by the Pennsylvania General Assembly to ensure the full range of benefits envisioned by the Justice Reinvestment efforts are realized this year; now therefore be it

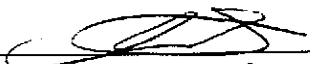
**RESOLVED**, by the board of commissioners of Dauphin County to urge the members of the Pennsylvania House and Senate to quickly amend and adopt HB 135 when it returns to session on September 24, and urges the Governor to enact the same into law upon passage; and be it further

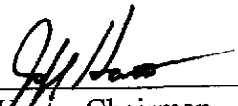
**RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor and House and Senate members representing Dauphin County.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Dauphin, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this 12th day of September, 2012.


Attest:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
DAUPHIN COUNTY

  
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Laura E. Evans, Esquire  
Chief Clerk

  
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