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## REDUCING THE SIZE OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE

On August 9, the House State Government Committee will be holding a public hearing in Harrisburg regarding legislation to reduce the size of the state legislature.

Some argue that a reduction in the size of the legislature would allow for taxpayers savings, increased transparency and a more efficient legislature. However, it is important to note that a reduction in the number of state legislators would result in less representation.

The hearing will focus on legislation geared towards reducing the size of the state legislature, including: House Bill 153 (Speaker Smith), House Bills 55-57 (Representative Mustio), House Bill 183 (Representative Godshall), House Bill 876 (Representative Kauffman) and House Bill 936 (Representative Reese).



## NATIONAL SECURITY BEGINS AT HOME

The illegal alien invasion is costing hardworking Pennsylvania taxpayers approximately \$1.4 billion annually, according to a report from the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR). FAIR estimates that there are approximately 140,000 illegals living in Pennsylvania and utilizing government services at taxpayer expense.

The National Security Begins at Home legislation is a 14-bill package aimed at ending the incentives that draw illegals to Pennsylvania: jobs, benefits and citizenship. Included in the package are an Arizona-model bill (House Bill 738), a broad-based E-Verify bill (House Bill 858) and measures to enable law enforcement to apprehend illegals who are committing crimes.

The House State Government Committee will be holding two hearings on the topic of the illegal alien invasion. The hearings will be held in Harrisburg on August 30, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m., and August 31, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Both of the hearings will be webcast live on RepMetcalfe.com.

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