
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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AND FABRIZIO, FEBRUARY 9, 2006

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
FEBRUARY 9, 2006

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Programs of the
2 Department of Health to establish a parent panel to study and
3 address family and community access to alcohol and drug abuse
4 and addiction treatment services.

5 WHEREAS, One in four families in Pennsylvania is affected by
6 untreated alcohol and drug addiction; and

7 WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth 631,085 persons have been
8 identified as having unmet treatment needs; and

9 WHEREAS, Untreated alcohol and drug problems contribute to
10 high dropout rates from school, teen suicide, unwanted teen
11 pregnancy, teen alcohol and drug overdoses and juvenile crime;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Treatment for alcohol and drug abuse and addiction
14 is highly effective; and

15 WHEREAS, Parents with children in crisis often have

1 difficulty locating alcohol and drug abuse and addiction
2 intervention and treatment services; and

3 WHEREAS, Children are the future of our Commonwealth; and

4 WHEREAS, It shall be the goal of the General Assembly to
5 ensure that parents of children affected by alcohol and drug
6 abuse are able to locate and access intervention and treatment
7 services; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the Bureau
9 of Drug and Alcohol Programs of the Department of Health to
10 establish a parent panel consisting of parents whose children
11 have been affected by alcohol and drug abuse and addiction; and
12 be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the panel study access by families to
14 information about alcohol and drug abuse and addiction
15 intervention and treatment services and make recommendations to
16 facilitate access to addiction treatment and intervention
17 services in our communities; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Programs of the
19 Department of Health provide staff and other support services to
20 the panel; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That travel, lodging and other appropriate expenses
22 be reimbursed by the Department of Health; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That panel members represent all regions of this
24 Commonwealth; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the panel convene in Harrisburg three times a
26 year; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
28 the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Programs of the Department of
29 Health.