

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 109 Session of 2007

INTRODUCED BY COHEN, BAKER, FRANKEL, GINGRICH, BELFANTI, BISHOP, CURRY, CUTLER, DePASQUALE, DONATUCCI, GEORGE, GODSHALL, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HENNESSEY, JAMES, JOSEPHS, KIRKLAND, KOTIK, KULA, LEACH, MARKOSEK, MYERS, PALLONE, PETRONE, READSHAW, SANTONI, SIPTROTH, McILVAINE SMITH, SOLOBAY, SONNEY, STABACK, STURLA, SURRA, TANGRETTI, VULAKOVICH, WALKO, WATERS, WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD, YUDICHAK, FREEMAN, FABRIZIO, GOODMAN, GIBBONS, MURT, KORTZ, COSTA, THOMAS AND MELIO, MARCH 9, 2007

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MAY 8, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 Establishing and directing a select committee to examine matters
2 relating to the shortage of health care professionals in this
3 Commonwealth.

4 WHEREAS, There are shortages of physicians, nurses and other
5 health care professionals in parts of this Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, There are projections these shortages are worsening;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, These shortages are creating a public health care
9 risk, and the problems appear to be intensifying; and

10 WHEREAS, Skilled health care professionals are projected to
11 retire at numbers larger than the numbers of students that
12 medical, nursing and health care professional schools plan to
13 graduate; and

14 WHEREAS, It is difficult to attract health care professionals
15 to accept what for many are lower paid teaching positions at

1 times when the demand for teachers is increasing; therefore be  
2 it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives establish a  
4 select committee to study and make recommendations as to:

5 (1) The degree to which the problem of health care  
6 professional shortages exists.

7 (2) Solutions to resolve the shortages of health care  
8 personnel, including recommendations of any legislation and  
9 actions that should be taken by State government officials;  
10 and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the select committee be composed of:

12 (1) Members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House  
13 of Representatives:

14 (i) Four members of the Health and Human Services  
15 Committee.

16 (ii) Four members of the Education Committee.

17 (iii) Two other members.

18 (2) Members to be appointed by the Minority Leader of  
19 the House of Representatives:

20 (i) Three members of the Health and Human Services  
21 Committee.

22 (ii) Three members of the Education Committee.

23 (iii) Two other members;

24 and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the select committee hold hearings and take  
26 testimony at such places it deems necessary in this  
27 Commonwealth; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the select committee be empowered to ~~issue~~ <—

29 ~~subpoenas~~ CALL WITNESSES under the hand and seal of the chairman <—

30 of the select committee ~~commanding~~ WHO SHALL BE ELECTED BY THE <—

1 COMMITTEE MEMBERS INSTRUCTING any person to appear before it, to  
2 answer questions touching matters properly being inquired into  
3 by the committee and to produce such books, papers, records,  
4 accounts, reports and documents as the committee deems  
5 necessary; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Committee on Health and Human Services and  
7 the Committee on Education assist the select committee to the  
8 extent deemed necessary by the select committee; and be it  
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk, with the Speaker's approval,  
11 pay for the reasonable, appropriate and proper expenses incurred  
12 by the committee, including contracting for specialized  
13 services; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the select committee report its findings and  
15 recommendations to the House of Representatives no later than  
16 November 30, 2008.