
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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YOUNGBLOOD, APRIL 6, 2018

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, APRIL 6, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Commission to establish an
2 advisory committee to conduct a study on mental health
3 services, including the identification and treatment of
4 mental illness, for individuals under the age of 21 in this
5 Commonwealth.

6 WHEREAS, All citizens deserve to be safe in their communities
7 and, most of all, children deserve to be safe in their schools
8 to focus on the learning process; and

9 WHEREAS, Gun violence in the form of mass shootings,
10 particularly in school settings, suggests, in part, a need to
11 examine the mental health system to determine if needs are going
12 unmet; and

13 WHEREAS, A 2014 study by the Joint State Government
14 Commission examined the overall system of delivery of mental
15 health services, focusing largely on the adult and prison
16 populations; and

17 WHEREAS, Current mental health needs for individuals under 21
18 years of age and whether any mental health needs are going unmet

1 should be studied; and

2 WHEREAS, Preparations to address unmet needs for mental
3 health services should be examined before another act of
4 dangerous behavior caused by mental illness occurs; therefore be
5 it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the Joint
7 State Government Commission to establish an advisory committee
8 to conduct a study on unmet needs for mental health services,
9 including the identification and treatment of mental illness,
10 for individuals under 21 years of age in this Commonwealth; and
11 be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the advisory committee consist of a
13 representative from each of the following:

- 14 (1) The Department of Education.
- 15 (2) The Department of Human Services.
- 16 (3) The Office of Attorney General.
- 17 (4) The Pennsylvania State Police.
- 18 (5) The American Civil Liberties Union.
- 19 (6) The Rehabilitation and Community Providers
20 Association.
- 21 (7) The School Superintendents Association.
- 22 (8) The Pennsylvania State Education Association.
- 23 (9) Law enforcement.
- 24 (10) A child advocacy group.
- 25 (11) A special education advocacy group.
- 26 (12) Any other experts who are deemed necessary for the
27 study by the Joint State Government Commission;

28 and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission submit a
30 report to the House of Representatives with its findings and

1 recommendations no later than one year after the adoption of
2 this resolution.