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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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### A RESOLUTION

1 Providing for the appointment of a select committee to study  
2 autism in this Commonwealth, focusing primarily on the  
3 availability, or lack thereof, of services to autistic  
4 children.

5 WHEREAS, Fifteen of every 10,000 children in this  
6 Commonwealth have autism; and

7 WHEREAS, Autism is a condition which severely impairs  
8 development, mentally, emotionally and socially; and

9 WHEREAS, There are few services available to these children  
10 who are affected by autism; and

11 WHEREAS, It is important for the Commonwealth to determine  
12 the extent of the problem and what can be done about it;  
13 therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
15 appoint a select committee of nine members, five from the  
16 majority party and four from the minority party, to conduct a

1 study of autism in this Commonwealth; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the committee focus on the services available  
3 and the services needed for autistic children; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That in carrying out its duties, the select  
5 committee may exercise all powers permitted to be exercised by  
6 standing committees as provided for in the Rules of the House of  
7 Representatives; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the select committee may hold hearings, take  
9 testimony and make its investigations at such places as it deems  
10 necessary in this Commonwealth. Each member of the select  
11 committee shall have power to administer oaths and affirmations  
12 to witnesses appearing before the committee; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the select committee make a report of its  
14 findings and recommendations to the House of Representatives as  
15 soon as possible.