

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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KITCHEN, WILLIAMS, EARLL, CORMAN, KASUNIC, GREENLEAF AND
TOMLINSON, MARCH 15, 2010

REFERRED TO BANKING AND INSURANCE, MARCH 15, 2010

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study
2 and to issue a report comparing the impact and funding of
3 health care as it is currently available in this Commonwealth
4 and as proposed by certain pending legislation.

5 WHEREAS, The Senate finds and declares that numerous
6 Pennsylvanians continue to go without health insurance and
7 necessary health care; and

8 WHEREAS, It is the intent of the Senate to consider and study
9 both the current mixed, multipayer, public and private health
10 finance system and the system proposed in SB 400 PN 1328 and HB
11 1660 PN 2440; and

12 WHEREAS, The study will compare and quantify these methods of
13 financing health care in Pennsylvania and compare how these
14 methods of financing perform, including their economic impact,
15 in each of the following categories:

16 (1) Providing quality, uniform and comprehensive
17 coverage and benefits to individuals and families.

1 (2) Providing incentives for preventive care and
2 personal responsibility in achieving an optimum state of
3 health and eliminating disincentives that restrict medically
4 necessary care as determined by medical care providers.

5 (3) Providing the lowest administrative cost Statewide.

6 (4) Providing cost-control mechanisms relative to
7 reimbursement rates and capital expenditures, and economies
8 of scale in purchasing and in distribution systemwide.

9 (5) Providing for a fair and equitable distribution of
10 the burden of financing system costs, including costs for
11 increased illness or injury attributable to misdiagnosis or
12 mistreatment by health care providers.

13 (6) Providing incentives and financing for medical
14 innovation, research and training of medical professionals.

15 (7) Providing the capacity to meet the special needs of
16 people with disabilities and chronic debilitating conditions.

17 (8) Providing the capacity and incentives to finance
18 long-term care, alternative medical services and
19 nontraditional care.

20 (9) Monitoring consumer and patient satisfaction,
21 including access to a patient's preferred physician, and
22 patient outcomes.

23 (10) Providing transitional support training and
24 compensation and placement to displaced workers.

25 (11) Providing the cost-effective purchase of
26 pharmaceuticals and durable medical equipment.

27 (12) Creating new business and employment opportunities.

28 (13) Controlling costs to individuals, families,
29 businesses, all levels of government and school districts.

30 (14) Impact on all providers of medical and health

1 services and treatments.

2 (15) Impact on Pennsylvania's overall economy over the
3 period from 2010-2020;

4 therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
6 evaluate and compare the economic impact of the current health
7 care system and of the proposed Family and Business Health
8 Security Act as set forth in SB 400 PN 1328 and HB 1660 PN 2440,
9 and develop accurate estimates of the costs and distribution of
10 the burden of each of these alternate financing systems in the
11 manner set forth in this resolution; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
13 may contract with a qualified research firm with experience in
14 processing and analyzing health care finance data, computer
15 modeling and health care financing systems; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
17 report all findings to the Senate no later than one year from
18 the passage of this resolution.