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CULVER, JAMES, BENNINGHOFF, BRIGGS AND PICKETT, JULY 1, 2014

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JULY 1, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Commission, in
2 collaboration with certain other State departments and
3 agencies, to develop a report on diabetes and to issue the
4 report to the House of Representatives.

5 WHEREAS, More than 990,000 adults in this Commonwealth have
6 been diagnosed with diabetes; and

7 WHEREAS, An estimated 517,000 Pennsylvanians are undiagnosed;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, An estimated 3.27 million Pennsylvanians are at risk
10 of developing diabetes; and

11 WHEREAS, Diabetes and its complications are the seventh
12 leading cause of death in this Commonwealth; and

13 WHEREAS, Diabetes will cost Pennsylvanians an estimated \$1.7
14 billion in 2015 and an estimated \$18.4 billion by the year 2025;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Statistics show that with appropriate management and

1 early identification, costs related to diabetes can be
2 significantly reduced; therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the Joint
4 State Government Commission to submit a report on diabetes that
5 identifies goals and benchmarks and includes plans to reduce the
6 incidence of diabetes, improve diabetes care and control
7 complications associated with diabetes; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission develop
9 the report on diabetes in collaboration with all of the
10 following:

- 11 (1) The Department of Health.
- 12 (2) The Department of Public Welfare.
- 13 (3) The Department of Education.
- 14 (4) The State Employees' Retirement System.
- 15 (5) The Health Care Containment Council.
- 16 (6) Any additional State departments or agencies the
17 commission deems appropriate to develop, research and prepare
18 the report;

19 and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission assess
21 the financial impact and reach diabetes has on the residents of
22 this Commonwealth and the State departments and agencies
23 collaborating on the report, and that the assessment include all
24 of the following:

- 25 (1) The number of individuals with diabetes impacted or
26 covered by the State department or agency.
- 27 (2) The number of individuals with diabetes and family
28 members impacted by prevention and diabetes control programs
29 implemented by the State department or agency.
- 30 (3) The financial toll or impact diabetes and its

1 complications placed on State department or agency programs.

2 (4) The financial toll or impact diabetes and its
3 complications placed on the State department or agency
4 programs in comparison to other chronic diseases and
5 conditions;

6 and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission conduct
8 an assessment of the benefits of implemented programs and
9 activities aimed at controlling diabetes and preventing the
10 disease, and that the assessment include the amount and source
11 for any funding from the Federal Government and the General
12 Assembly for programs and activities aimed at reaching those
13 with diabetes; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission provide
15 a description of the level of coordination existing between
16 State departments and agencies on activities, programmatic
17 activities and messaging on managing, treating or preventing all
18 forms of diabetes and its complications; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission provide
20 detailed plans and recommendations for the control and
21 prevention of diabetes for consideration by the General
22 Assembly, and that the plans and recommendations do all of the
23 following:

24 (1) Identify proposed action steps to reduce the impact
25 of diabetes, pre-diabetes and related diabetes complications.

26 (2) Identify expected outcomes of the action steps
27 proposed in the following biennium.

28 (3) Establish benchmarks for controlling and preventing
29 relevant forms of diabetes; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission develop

1 a detailed budget blueprint identifying needs, costs and
2 resources required to implement the plans and recommendations of
3 each department or agency, and that the blueprint include a
4 budget range for all options presented in the recommendations
5 identified by each department or agency for consideration by the
6 General Assembly; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission provide
8 the initial report on the estimated number of individuals with
9 diabetes, pre-diabetes or related diabetes within each
10 department or agency and any additional information the
11 commission deems appropriate to the General Assembly by March 1,
12 2015; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission submit a
14 final report on the items listed in this resolution to the
15 Diabetes Caucus of the House of Representatives and the Human
16 Services Committee of the House of Representatives by September
17 15, 2015, and by September 15 of each odd-numbered year
18 thereafter following the release of the initial report.