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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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A RESOLUTION

1 Establishing a task force on lead exposure and the hazards of  
2 lead poisoning; imposing duties on the Joint State Government  
3 Commission; and authorizing a study.

4 WHEREAS, Recent events in Flint, Michigan, have brought  
5 national attention to lead levels in drinking water; and

6 WHEREAS, Based on the 2010 census, Pennsylvania ranks fifth  
7 nationally in the percentage of homes built before 1978; and

8 WHEREAS, Based on the 2010 census, Pennsylvania ranks fifth  
9 nationally in the percentage of homes built before 1950; and

10 WHEREAS, Older homes are significantly more likely to contain  
11 lead paint, lead pipes or copper pipes with lead soldering; and

12 WHEREAS, Lead affects virtually every system in the body and  
13 is particularly harmful to a child's developing brain and  
14 nervous system; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate establish a task force on lead  
16 exposure and the hazards of lead poisoning; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the task force be comprised of two members of  
18 the Senate, one appointed by the President pro tempore and one

1 appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate; and be it  
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission  
4 establish an advisory committee to the task force consisting of  
5 the following members:

6 (1) the Secretary of Health, or his or her designee;

7 (2) the Secretary of Environmental Protection, or his or  
8 her designee;

9 (3) the chairperson of the Pennsylvania Public Utility  
10 Commission, or his or her designee;

11 (4) the executive director of the Pennsylvania Housing  
12 and Finance Agency, or his or her designee;

13 (5) the Physician General for the Commonwealth, or his  
14 or her designee;

15 (6) nine individuals appointed by the Governor as  
16 follows:

17 (i) two individuals who are pediatric doctors with  
18 experience in lead poisoning;

19 (ii) one individual who is the parent of a child  
20 with elevated lead levels;

21 (iii) one individual representing municipal water  
22 authorities;

23 (iv) one individual representing rural water  
24 companies;

25 (v) one individual representing water companies that  
26 are not owned by a municipal water authority or a rural  
27 water company;

28 (vi) one individual who is certified to remediate  
29 lead in this Commonwealth;

30 (vii) one individual who works in maintenance in a

1 school in an urban school district; and  
2 (viii) one individual who works in maintenance in a  
3 school in a rural school district.

4 (7) The executive director of the Housing Alliance of  
5 Pennsylvania;

6 and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of Health serve as the  
8 chairperson of the advisory committee; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission, working  
10 with the advisory committee, conduct a comprehensive review and  
11 analysis of laws, regulations, policies and procedures of the  
12 Commonwealth and other states regarding an assessment of lead  
13 exposure as a public health concern; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the review and analysis include the following  
15 areas:

16 (1) an assessment of the age of this Commonwealth's  
17 housing stock, public housing units, water pipelines, school  
18 buildings and day-care facilities;

19 (2) an assessment of the threat lead exposure poses to  
20 public health;

21 (3) an assessment of the prevalence of lead in homes,  
22 schools, day-care centers and other places in which children  
23 spend a majority of their days; and

24 (4) an assessment of the Commonwealth's approach to lead  
25 testing and remediation and how it compares to other states;  
26 and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the task force recommend changes to State  
28 statutes, regulations, practices, policies and procedures  
29 relating to lead testing and remediation; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission issue a

- 1 report of the task force's findings and recommendations to the
- 2 Senate within 18 months of the adoption of this resolution.