
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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SEMMELE, JOSEPHS, CIVERA, LUCYK, BARD AND SEYFERT,
FEBRUARY 10, 1997

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, FEBRUARY 10, 1997

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Speaker of the House of Representatives to appoint
2 a select committee to investigate pediatric trauma.

3 WHEREAS, Ten percent of all trauma cases treated in this
4 Commonwealth are children under 15 years of age; and

5 WHEREAS, Pediatric medicine requires not only specialized
6 knowledge in pediatrics but also different-sized equipment,
7 including intravenous needles, blood pressure cuffs and
8 medication doses; and

9 WHEREAS, While this Commonwealth does have pediatric
10 hospitals and trauma units, there are no provisions or
11 requirements for treatment of children who do not have immediate
12 access to these pediatric facilities; and

13 WHEREAS, Although this Commonwealth has laws and regulations
14 on emergency care, no information is available on the needs or
15 deficiencies in the system with respect to children; therefore
16 be it

1 RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives
2 appoint a select committee, five members to be from the majority
3 party and four members to be from the minority party, to
4 investigate pediatric trauma in this Commonwealth, to determine
5 if there is a deficiency in care of children and to recommend
6 steps to be taken to resolve the problems; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the committee may hold hearings, take
8 testimony and conduct investigations throughout this
9 Commonwealth as may be necessary to achieve its objective. Each
10 member of the committee shall have the power to administer oaths
11 and affirmations to witnesses appearing before the committee;
12 and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the committee make a final report of its
14 findings and recommendations within 60 days of the completion of
15 its investigation.