
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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MARCH 5, 2007

REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, MARCH 5, 2007

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation to ensure that
2 the Congress of the United States reauthorize the State
3 Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) as soon as
4 practicable to secure Federal funding for Pennsylvania's
5 Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP); and urging the
6 Governor to pursue CHIP expansion.

7 WHEREAS, The health of our children is of paramount
8 importance to families in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

9 WHEREAS, Poor child health threatens the educational
10 achievement and social and psychological well-being of the
11 children of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

12 WHEREAS, Protecting the health of our children is essential
13 to the well-being of our youngest citizens and the quality of
14 life in our State; and

15 WHEREAS, CHIP is a valuable resource for preserving child
16 wellness, preventing and treating childhood disease, improving
17 health outcomes and reducing overall health costs; and

18 WHEREAS, Federal funding for CHIP is indispensable to

1 providing health benefits for children of modest means;
2 therefore be it

3 RESOLVED (the House of Representatives concurring), That the
4 General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the
5 Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation to ensure that the
6 Congress timely reauthorize SCHIP to secure Federal funding for
7 CHIP; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly urge the Governor to use
9 his best efforts to work with the Pennsylvania Congressional
10 Delegation to ensure timely reauthorization of SCHIP; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly proclaim that all
13 components of State government should work together with
14 educators, health care providers, social workers and parents to
15 ensure that all available public and private assistance for
16 providing health benefits to uninsured children in the
17 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania be used to the maximum extent
18 possible; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly urge the Governor to use
20 his best efforts to provide meaningful assistance to identify
21 and enroll children who qualify for Medicaid or CHIP; and be it
22 further

23 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
24 each member of the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation and to
25 the Governor.