
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 131 Session of
2003

INTRODUCED BY HARHART, BEBKO-JONES, BISHOP, BROWNE, BUNT,
CAPPELLI, CIVERA, FREEMAN, GABIG, GEIST, GEORGE, HENNESSEY,
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PISTELLA, READSHAW, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TIGUE, WATSON,
WOJNAROSKI, YOUNGBLOOD, ZUG AND GOODMAN, MARCH 10, 2003

SENATOR ORIE, AGING AND YOUTH, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED,
MAY 13, 2003

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Authorizing the Joint State Government Commission to
2 reconstitute the Task Force on Services to Children and
3 Youth.

4 WHEREAS, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 97 of 1999 directed
5 the Joint State Government Commission to establish a legislative
6 task force to examine Pennsylvania's children and youth services
7 delivery system in order to determine whether the system was
8 meeting the needs of at-risk children and families in this
9 Commonwealth; and

10 WHEREAS, The task force was permitted to create an advisory
11 committee to assist with its research and investigation; and

12 WHEREAS, Over the course of nearly two years, a substantial
13 amount of work was completed and considerable effort was
14 expended on assessing the children and youth services delivery
15 system; and

16 WHEREAS, In November 2002, the task force issued a report to

1 the General Assembly containing recommendations for legislation
2 and other potential corrective measures to address certain
3 complications within the children and youth services delivery
4 system; and

5 WHEREAS, These recommendations could prove valuable in
6 ensuring the safety of Pennsylvania's at-risk children;
7 therefore be it

8 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly
9 authorize the Joint State Government Commission to reconstitute
10 the Task Force on Services to Children and Youth to provide an
11 opportunity to hear from the child-advocate community and other
12 pertinent parties on the merits or pitfalls of the
13 recommendations contained within the November 2002 report of the
14 task force; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Task Force on Services to Children and
16 Youth created under Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 97 of 1999
17 be reconstituted until November 30, 2004, to conduct public
18 hearings and other comprehensive studies as deemed appropriate
19 to identify and prepare for the implementation of measures that
20 will help to safeguard at-risk children throughout this
21 Commonwealth; and be it further

22 ~~RESOLVED, That relevant standing committees within the Senate <—~~
23 ~~and the House of Representatives are also authorized to conduct~~
24 ~~public hearings and studies on the recommendations contained~~
25 ~~within the report of the Task Force on Services to Children and~~
26 ~~Youth in accordance with the rules of the Senate and the House~~
27 ~~of Representatives.~~

28 RESOLVED, THAT THE HEARINGS AND STUDIES AUTHORIZED BY THIS <—
29 RESOLUTION SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO ANY HEARINGS AND STUDIES
30 CONDUCTED BY THE RELEVANT STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND

1 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED WITHIN
2 THE REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE ON SERVICES TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH.