

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, MAY 3, 2010

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of May 3 through 7, 2010, as a celebration
2 of the 25th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Student
3 Assistance Program.

4 WHEREAS, The Student Assistance Program is a primary vehicle
5 for schools in this Commonwealth to address students' behavioral
6 health needs and concerns; and

7 WHEREAS, The mission of the Pennsylvania Network for Student
8 Assistance Services is to provide leadership for developing a
9 safe and drug-free environment and mental health wellness in
10 schools and communities across this Commonwealth; and

11 WHEREAS, The Student Assistance Program has received more
12 than 1,167,500 referrals since 1988, including more than 417,000
13 by teachers, 223,000 by school counselors, 119,000 by parents
14 and 90,000 by students themselves; and

15 WHEREAS, The Student Assistance Program works to help
16 students by mobilizing school resources to remove barriers to
17 their health and well-being and by making recommendations to

1 students and parents concerning services such as intervention,
2 screening or assessment for treatment; and

3 WHEREAS, The Student Assistance Program was begun in this
4 Commonwealth in 1984 when the Department of Health's Office of
5 Drug and Alcohol Programs provided a grant which was used to
6 establish four pilot student assistance programs under the
7 auspices of the Department of Education; and

8 WHEREAS, The Student Assistance Program has since been
9 expanded to include new strategies for students at risk of
10 suicide; and

11 WHEREAS, All 501 school districts, as well as many charter
12 schools, nonpublic and private schools, career and technical
13 centers and alternative schools in this Commonwealth, are
14 trained in the Student Assistance Program, and State funding is
15 provided to all counties in this Commonwealth to support the
16 program in middle schools and high schools; and

17 WHEREAS, The Student Assistance Program fulfills the
18 requirements under Act 211 of 1990 that school districts provide
19 annual mandatory drug and alcohol prevention instruction for all
20 children in public schools and establish and maintain a program
21 of appropriate counseling and support to students who experience
22 problems related to the use of alcohol and drugs; and

23 WHEREAS, The Student Assistance Program received the American
24 Medical Association's National Congress on Adolescent Health
25 Award for excellence in intervention and coordination of
26 adolescent health services within a state in 1999; and

27 WHEREAS, More than 2,500 school personnel receive training
28 annually in the Student Assistance Program, and more than 74,000
29 students annually are referred for help through the program; and

30 WHEREAS, Most students show a decrease in discipline problems

1 and an increase in positive behavior and promotion and
2 graduation status after their Student Assistance Program
3 referral; therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the week of May 3 through
5 7, 2010, as a celebration of the 25th anniversary of the
6 Pennsylvania Student Assistance Program.