

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES, FEBRUARY 28, 2011

## A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to  
2 conduct a study on the feasibility of consolidating the  
3 Commonwealth's prescription drug plans under a single  
4 administrator.

5 WHEREAS, There are currently a number of State prescription  
6 drug programs in this Commonwealth that serve distinct  
7 populations and have differing administrative oversight  
8 entities; and

9 WHEREAS, Legislative proposals have been introduced to  
10 consolidate all of the Commonwealth's prescription drug plans  
11 under a single administrator; and

12 WHEREAS, The concept of a pharmacy benefits consolidation  
13 program in this Commonwealth has drawn support on the basis that  
14 it would potentially be more cost effective than the current  
15 system, would result in additional revenues from greater drug  
16 manufacturer rebates and would provide much-needed incentives to

1 pharmacists through increased reimbursements; and

2 WHEREAS, The concept of a pharmacy benefits consolidation  
3 program in this Commonwealth has drawn opposition on the basis  
4 that it would require a massive increase in the Commonwealth's  
5 prescription drug costs, would create an unwieldy and  
6 problematic administrative process, could result in a lower  
7 level of care for the thousands of Pennsylvanians who rely on  
8 the Commonwealth's many existing prescription drug programs for  
9 their medications; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the  
11 Legislative Budget and Finance Committee, in consultation with  
12 experts and specialists in the field of pharmacy benefits  
13 programs as well as representatives of the various Commonwealth  
14 pharmacy benefits programs, to conduct a study to examine:

15 (1) the feasibility of consolidating the Commonwealth's  
16 prescription drug plans under a single administrator;

17 (2) the issues articulated in support of and in  
18 opposition to any existing legislative proposals to  
19 effectuate consolidation; and

20 (3) the experiences of other states nationwide with  
21 regard to consolidation of pharmacy benefits programs;

22 and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the committee prepare and submit a report,  
24 with recommendations as appropriate, to the Speaker of the House  
25 of Representatives and to members of the Aging and Older Adult  
26 Services Committee within one year of the adoption of this  
27 resolution.