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AN ACT

1 Establishing the Advisory Council on PANDAS and PANS; and
2 providing for the duties of the Advisory Council on PANDAS
3 and PANS.

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16 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

1 hereby enacts as follows:

2 CHAPTER 1

3 PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

4 Section 101. Short title.

5 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Advisory
6 Council on PANDAS and PANS Act.

7 CHAPTER 2

8 ADVISORY COUNCIL ON PANDAS AND PANS

9 Section 201. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
11 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Advisory council." The Advisory Council on PANDAS and PANS.

14 "Department." The Department of Health of the Commonwealth.

15 "PANDAS." Pediatric Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated
16 with Streptococcal Infections.

17 "PANS." Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome.

18 "Secretary." The Secretary of Health of the Commonwealth.

19 Section 202. Establishment of advisory council.

20 (a) Establishment.--The secretary shall establish the
21 Advisory Council on PANDAS and PANS for the purpose of advising
22 the secretary on PANDAS and PANS, including on matters relating
23 to the research, diagnosis, treatment and education of PANDAS
24 and PANS.

25 (b) Members.--Except as provided for members under
26 paragraphs (14), (15), (16) and (17), the secretary shall
27 appoint the following members to the advisory council:

28 (1) A licensed immunologist who practices in this
29 Commonwealth and has experience treating individuals with
30 PANDAS, PANS and the use of intravenous immunoglobulin.

1 (2) A licensed health care practitioner who practices in
2 this Commonwealth and has expertise in treating individuals
3 with PANDAS, PANS ~~and~~, autism SPECTRUM DISORDER, OBSESSIVE- <--
4 COMPULSIVE DISORDER AND OTHER NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS.

5 (3) A representative of ~~the PANDAS/PANS Resource Network~~ <--
6 A STATEWIDE ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH PANDAS <--
7 AND PANS from WITHIN this Commonwealth. <--

8 (4) A licensed osteopathic physician who practices in
9 this Commonwealth and who has experience treating individuals
10 with PANDAS and PANS.

11 (5) A medical researcher with experience conducting
12 research concerning PANDAS, PANS, AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER, <--
13 obsessive-compulsive disorder, ~~tic disorder~~ and other <--
14 neurological disorders.

15 (6) A certified dietitian or nutritionist who practices
16 in this Commonwealth and provides services to children with
17 PANDAS, PANS, autism spectrum disorder, obsessive-compulsive <--
18 disorder and other ~~neurodevelopmental conditions~~ NEUROLOGICAL <--
19 DISORDERS.

20 (7) A representative of a professional organization in
21 this Commonwealth for school psychologists WHO IS A SCHOOL <--
22 PSYCHOLOGIST.

23 (8) A child psychiatrist who has experience treating
24 individuals with PANDAS ~~and~~, PANS, AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER, <--
25 OBSESSIVE-COMPULSIVE DISORDER AND OTHER NEUROLOGICAL
26 DISORDERS.

27 (9) A representative of a professional organization in
28 this Commonwealth for school nurses WHO IS A SCHOOL NURSE. <--

29 (10) A pediatrician who has experience treating
30 individuals with PANDAS ~~and~~, PANS, AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER, <--

1 OBSESSIVE-COMPULSIVE DISORDER AND OTHER NEUROLOGICAL
2 DISORDERS.

3 (11) A representative of an organization focused on
4 autism.

5 (12) A parent with a child who has been diagnosed with
6 PANDAS or PANS.

7 (13) A licensed social worker ~~who practices~~ WHOSE <--
8 PRACTICE FOCUSES ON CHILDREN in this Commonwealth.

9 (14) A representative of the Bureau of Special Education
10 of the Department of Education.

11 (15) The chair AND MINORITY CHAIR of the Health and <--
12 Human Services Committee of the Senate or ~~the chair's~~ <--
13 ~~designee~~ THEIR DESIGNEES. <--

14 (16) The chair AND MINORITY CHAIR of the Health <--
15 Committee of the House of Representatives or ~~the chair's~~ <--
16 ~~designee~~ THEIR DESIGNEES. <--

17 (17) The secretary or the secretary's designee, who
18 shall be a nonvoting member.

19 (c) General Assembly.--A member of the advisory committee
20 under subsection (b) (1) through (13) may be a member of the
21 General Assembly.

22 (C.1) DOCTORS.--THE PHYSICIAN MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL SHALL <--
23 INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE MEDICAL DOCTOR AND AT LEAST ONE OSTEOPATHIC
24 DOCTOR.

25 (d) Deadline.--All appointments to the advisory council
26 shall be made no later than 30 days after the effective date of
27 this act.

28 Section 203. Compensation of advisory council members.

29 A member of the advisory council shall receive no
30 compensation except for reimbursement for necessary expenses

1 incurred in performing the member's duties.

2 Section 204. Meetings.

3 The secretary shall call first meeting of the advisory
4 council no later than 60 days after the effective date of this
5 act. The advisory council shall meet upon the call of the chair
6 or upon the request of a majority of the advisory council
7 members.

8 Section 205. Quorum.

9 A majority of the advisory council members shall constitute a
10 quorum. A majority vote of a quorum shall be required for any
11 official action of the advisory council.

12 Section 206. Duties of advisory council.

13 The advisory council shall have the following duties:

14 (1) The advisory council shall elect the chair of the
15 advisory council.

16 (2) No later than January 1, 2020, and annually
17 thereafter, the advisory council shall submit a report to the
18 Health and Human Services Committee of the Senate and the
19 Health Committee of the House of Representatives. The report
20 shall include, but not be limited to, recommendations on the
21 following matters:

22 (i) Practice guidelines for the diagnosis and
23 treatment of PANDAS and PANS.

24 (ii) Mechanisms to increase clinical awareness and
25 education of PANDAS and PANS among health care
26 practitioners, including pediatricians, school-based
27 health centers and providers of mental health services.

28 (iii) Outreach programs for educators and parents to
29 increase awareness of PANDAS and PANS.

30 (iv) The development of a network of volunteer

1 experts on the diagnosis and treatment of PANDAS and PANS
2 to assist in education and outreach.

3 CHAPTER 20

4 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

5 Section 2001. Effective date.

6 This act shall take effect in 60 days.