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SENATOR BAKER, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AS AMENDED, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018

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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15 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

16 hereby enacts as follows:

1 CHAPTER 1

2 PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

3 Section 101. Short title.

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

6 CHAPTER 3

7 ADVISORY COUNCIL ON PANDAS AND PANS

8 Section 301. Definitions.

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

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

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

14 "PANDAS." Pediatric AUTOIMMUNE Neuropsychiatric Disorders <--
15 Associated with Streptococcal Infections.

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

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

18 Section 302. Establishment of advisory council.

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

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

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

30 (2) A licensed health care practitioner who practices in

1 this Commonwealth and has expertise in treating individuals
2 with PANDAS, PANS and autism.

3 (3) A representative of the PANDAS/PANS Resource Network
4 ~~from~~ WHO IS A RESIDENT OF this Commonwealth. <--

5 (4) A licensed osteopathic physician who practices in
6 this Commonwealth and ~~who~~ has experience treating individuals <--
7 with PANDAS and PANS.

8 (5) A medical researcher with experience conducting
9 research concerning PANDAS, PANS, obsessive-compulsive
10 disorder, tic disorder and other neurological disorders.

11 (6) A certified dietitian or nutritionist who practices
12 in this Commonwealth and provides services to children with
13 autism spectrum disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder and
14 other neurodevelopmental conditions.

15 (7) A representative of a professional organization in
16 this Commonwealth for school psychologists.

17 (8) A child psychiatrist who PRACTICES IN THIS <--
18 COMMONWEALTH AND has experience treating individuals with
19 PANDAS and PANS.

20 (9) A representative of a professional organization in
21 this Commonwealth for school nurses.

22 (10) A pediatrician who PRACTICES IN THIS COMMONWEALTH <--
23 AND has experience treating individuals with PANDAS and PANS.

24 (11) A representative of an organization IN THIS <--
25 COMMONWEALTH focused on autism.

26 (12) A ~~parent with a child who has been~~ COMMONWEALTH <--
27 RESIDENT WITH A CHILD diagnosed with PANDAS or PANS.

28 (13) A licensed social worker who practices in this
29 Commonwealth.

30 (14) ~~A representative of the Bureau of Special Education~~ <--

1 ~~of the Department~~ THE SECRETARY of Education OR THE <--
2 SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE.

3 (15) The ~~chairman~~ CHAIR AND MINORITY CHAIR of the Health <--
4 and Human Services Committee of the Senate or ~~the chairman's~~ <--
5 ~~designee~~ THEIR DESIGNEES. <--

6 (16) The ~~chairman~~ CHAIR AND MINORITY CHAIR of the Health <--
7 Committee of the House of Representatives or ~~the chairman's~~ <--
8 ~~designee~~ THEIR DESIGNEES. <--

9 (17) The secretary or the secretary's designee, ~~who~~ <--
10 ~~shall be a nonvoting member.~~

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

14 (d) Deadline.--All appointments to the advisory council
15 shall be made no later than 30 days after the effective date of
16 this section.

17 Section 303. Compensation of advisory council members.

18 A member of the advisory council shall receive no
19 compensation except for reimbursement for necessary expenses
20 incurred in performing the member's duties.

21 Section 304. Meetings.

22 The secretary shall call the first meeting of the advisory
23 council no later than 60 days after the effective date of this
24 section. The advisory council shall meet upon the call of the
25 chairman or upon the request of a majority of the advisory
26 council members.

27 Section 305. Quorum.

28 A majority of the advisory council members shall constitute a
29 quorum. A majority vote of a quorum shall be required for any
30 official action of the advisory council.

1 Section 306. Duties of advisory council.

2 The advisory council shall have the following duties:

3 (1) The advisory council shall elect the chairman of the
4 advisory council.

5 (2) No later than January 1, 2020, and annually
6 thereafter, the advisory council shall submit a report to the
7 Health and Human Services Committee of the Senate and the
8 Health Committee of the House of Representatives. The report
9 shall include, but not be limited to, recommendations on the
10 following matters:

11 (i) Practice guidelines for the diagnosis and
12 treatment of PANDAS and PANS.

13 (ii) Mechanisms to increase clinical awareness and
14 education of PANDAS and PANS among health care
15 practitioners, including pediatricians, school-based
16 health centers and providers of mental health services.

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

19 (iv) The development of a network of volunteer
20 experts on the diagnosis and treatment of PANDAS and PANS
21 to assist in education and outreach.

22 CHAPTER 5

23 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

24 Section 501. Effective date.

25 This act shall take effect in 60 days.