



**Senate of Pennsylvania**

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**DATE:** December 16, 2010  
**TO:** All Senators  
**FROM:** Senator Anthony H. Williams  
**SUBJECT:** Co-sponsorship of Legislation: **Intergenerational Family Care Act**

In the near future, I will be reintroducing Senate Bill 128 from the 2009 – 2010 legislative session. This legislation establishes a pilot program to provide aid to grandparents who are the primary caretakers of their grandchildren. According to the Pennsylvania Department of Aging, nearly 200,000 children in the Commonwealth are living in households headed by grandparents or other relatives and over 80,000 grandparents in Pennsylvania are responsible for meeting the basic needs of their grandchildren. As Pennsylvania's aging population continues to bear the responsibility of raising a growing percentage of our youth, I believe that we must take proactive steps to ensure the viability of both constituencies.

My legislation will require the Department of Public Welfare to assist a limited number of pilot program participants with rental housing assistance, daycare assistance, access to social service professionals, and childcare and custody education. Additionally, DPW will provide limited assistance to non-profit organizations whose sole purpose is to expand the supply of intergenerational housing.

Previous co-sponsors of this legislation include Senators Kitchen, Tartaglione, Washington, Fontana, Erickson, Greenleaf, Orié, Costa, Ferlo, Browne, O'Pake, Leach and Boscola.

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