
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY ROSS, ROMANELLI, ZEMPRELLI, SHAFFER, STOUT, BODACK
AND SCANLON, MARCH 19, 1984

REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, MARCH 19, 1984

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Expressing the opposition of the General Assembly to the
2 proposed closing of Dixmont State Hospital.

3 WHEREAS, The Department of Public Welfare proposes to close
4 Dixmont State Hospital and transfer its patients and employees;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The determination by the Department of Public
7 Welfare intentionally ignores certain salient facts such as the
8 continuous accreditation of Dixmont, the ability to provide
9 certified handicapped care, recent renovations at the
10 institution at a cost of \$708,000 and the personal relationships
11 and quality of care furnished patients at Dixmont State
12 Hospital; and

13 WHEREAS, When Dixmont is filled to capacity, it provides the
14 best care at the lowest cost per patient ratio of any
15 institution in that region of the Commonwealth; and

16 WHEREAS, The movement of the patients at Dixmont to other
17 institutions will generate serious stress situations and

1 emotional and economic upheaval; therefore be it

2 RESOLVED (the House of Representatives concurring), That the
3 General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania express its
4 strongest opposition to the closing of Dixmont State Hospital
5 and request the Department of Public Welfare to reconsider its
6 actions relative to Dixmont State Hospital; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That before a State hospital is scheduled for
8 closing, and particularly the Dixmont State Hospital, the
9 Department of Public Welfare be urged to hold public hearings to
10 determine whether the closing would be in the best interests of
11 the Commonwealth and the community in which the State
12 institution is located; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution, after passage, be
14 transmitted to the Governor and the Department of Public
15 Welfare.