
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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E. Z. TAYLOR, RAYMOND, FISCHER AND COLAFELLA, JUNE 22, 1987

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JUNE 23, 1987

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Commission to study
2 surrogate mothering.

3 WHEREAS, Advances in medical technology have resulted in
4 increased methods of childbearing for infertile couples, and
5 these methods include surrogate mothering; and

6 WHEREAS, The practice of surrogate mothering is occurring on
7 a more frequent basis; and

8 WHEREAS, The practice of surrogate mothering poses many
9 serious legal and ethical questions; and

10 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has not enacted a statute prohibiting
11 or regulating the practice of surrogate mothering; and

12 WHEREAS, The absence of a State policy on surrogate mothering
13 creates the potential for litigation similar to the In re Baby
14 Girl M case in the state of New Jersey; and

15 WHEREAS, The General Assembly has several bills before it
16 which would criminalize and regulate the practice of surrogate

1 mothering; and

2 WHEREAS, There is a need for a comprehensive examination of
3 the medical, legal and ethical issues posed by surrogate
4 parenting; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly
6 direct the Joint State Government Commission to undertake a
7 comprehensive review of surrogate mothering to determine if the
8 practice shall be legalized or prohibited in this Commonwealth;
9 and

10 RESOLVED, That to accomplish this goal, the General Assembly
11 create a Task Force on Surrogate Mothering, comprised of three
12 members of the Senate, two from the majority party and one from
13 the minority party, to be appointed by the President pro tempore
14 of the Senate, and three members of the House of
15 Representatives, two from the majority party and one from the
16 minority party, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
17 Representatives; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the task force prepare a report containing its
19 findings, including legislation necessary to achieve the policy
20 it endorses.