

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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FEBRUARY 9, 2006

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MAY 2, 2006

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Programs of the  
2 Department of Health to establish a parent panel to study and  
3 address family and community access to alcohol and drug abuse  
4 and addiction treatment services.

5 WHEREAS, One in four families in Pennsylvania is affected by  
6 untreated alcohol and drug addiction; and

7 WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth 631,085 persons have been  
8 identified as having unmet treatment needs; and

9 WHEREAS, Untreated alcohol and drug problems contribute to  
10 high dropout rates from school, teen suicide, unwanted teen  
11 pregnancy, teen alcohol and drug overdoses and juvenile crime;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Treatment for alcohol and drug abuse and addiction  
14 is highly effective; and

15 WHEREAS, Parents with children in crisis often have

1 difficulty locating alcohol and drug abuse and addiction  
2 intervention and treatment services; and

3 WHEREAS, Children are the future of our Commonwealth; and

4 WHEREAS, It shall be the goal of the General Assembly to  
5 ensure that parents of children affected by alcohol and drug  
6 abuse are able to locate and access intervention and treatment  
7 services; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the Bureau  
9 of Drug and Alcohol Programs of the Department of Health to  
10 establish a parent panel consisting of parents whose children  
11 have been affected by alcohol and drug abuse and addiction; and  
12 be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the panel study access by families to  
14 information about alcohol and drug abuse and addiction  
15 intervention and treatment services and make recommendations, ON <—  
16 A SCHEDULE TO BE DEVELOPED BY THE PARENT PANEL, to facilitate  
17 access to addiction treatment and intervention services in our  
18 communities; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS DEVELOPED BY THE PARENT <—  
20 PANEL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
21 AND THE BUREAU OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROGRAMS ON A SCHEDULE TO BE  
22 DEVELOPED BY THE PARENT PANEL; AND BE IT FURTHER

23 RESOLVED, That the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Programs of the  
24 Department of Health provide staff and other support services to  
25 the panel; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That travel, lodging and other appropriate expenses  
27 be reimbursed by the Department of Health; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That panel members represent all regions of this  
29 Commonwealth; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the panel convene in Harrisburg three times a

1 year; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to  
3 the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Programs of the Department of  
4 Health.