

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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AS AMENDED, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OCTOBER 17, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 ~~Condemning the veto by the President of United States of~~ <—
2 EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR the Children's Health Insurance <—
3 Program Reauthorization Act of 2007 and urging the Congress
4 of the United States to override the veto AND URGING THE <—
5 CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO REQUIRE THE COMPLETION OF
6 CERTAIN TITLE IV-E AUDITS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF
7 PENNSYLVANIA.

8 WHEREAS, The highly successful State Children's Health
9 Insurance Program (SCHIP), created by the Federal Balanced
10 Budget Act of 1997, has enabled states to provide health care
11 coverage to more than 6 million uninsured low-income children in
12 this country; and

13 WHEREAS, Through the program's enhanced Federal match
14 funding, Pennsylvania is currently helping to provide health
15 care coverage to more than 164,000 low-income children who do
16 not qualify for Medicaid and would otherwise be uninsured; and

1 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania led the nation in launching the first
2 Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) in 1992 and provided
3 the model for Federal support of all states; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2006, Pennsylvania continued its leadership by
5 expanding affordable health care coverage to uninsured children
6 through its Cover All Kids program; and

7 WHEREAS, The Children's Health Insurance Program
8 Reauthorization Act of 2007, H.R. 976, is a bipartisan
9 compromise plan to reauthorize the SCHIP program, which expired
10 on September 30, 2007, and to expand coverage to an additional
11 3.8 million children; and

12 WHEREAS, On October 3, 2007, the President of the United
13 States vetoed H.R. 976, citing philosophical differences with
14 regard to the expansion of the program; and

15 WHEREAS, This veto will severely hamper Pennsylvania's
16 efforts to help more than 133,000 remaining uninsured children
17 obtain access to health care coverage; and

18 WHEREAS, It is critical that this legislation be enacted to
19 ensure affordable health care coverage for all uninsured
20 children; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
22 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ~~condemn the veto by the President~~ <—
23 ~~of the United States of~~ EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR the Children's <—
24 Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007; and be it
25 further

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
27 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United
28 States to override the veto; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE <—
30 COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ALSO URGE THE CONGRESS OF THE

1 UNITED STATES TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
2 SERVICES TO EXPEDITE COMPLETION OF ITS AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT
3 OF PUBLIC WELFARE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AS IT
4 RELATES TO TITLE IV-E EXPENDITURE CLAIMS, PARTICULARLY PHASES
5 THREE, FOUR AND FIVE AND TO PUBLISH THE AUDIT FINDINGS AND ANY
6 FEDERAL DISALLOWANCES AND POTENTIAL FEDERAL PENALTIES AS SOON AS
7 POSSIBLE; AND BE IT FURTHER

8 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
9 the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of
10 each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from
11 Pennsylvania.