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SWANGER, VULAKOVICH AND WATSON, APRIL 5, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, APRIL 5, 2011

## A RESOLUTION

1 Requesting the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study  
2 county human services program mandate relief.

3 WHEREAS, County human services agencies require cost  
4 containment and mandate relief options; and

5 WHEREAS, With limited funding options for unfunded or  
6 underfunded costs of federally mandated or State-mandated human  
7 service functions, counties face cutbacks, service disruptions  
8 and shifting property tax rates; and

9 WHEREAS, County agencies require greater flexibility in  
10 fulfilling their human services obligations; and

11 WHEREAS, These obligations include, but are not limited to,  
12 voter registration assistance, school monitoring in certain  
13 truancy and dependency cases and nursing home reporting as  
14 required by the Department of Health, the Department of Aging,  
15 the Pennsylvania State Police and area agencies on aging;  
16 therefore be it

1       RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee  
2 be requested to study county human services program mandate  
3 relief; and be it further

4       RESOLVED, That the review of relevant required human services  
5 functions include the utility of Child Welfare Needs-Based Plan  
6 and Budget reporting costs in determining county funding levels;  
7 and be it further

8       RESOLVED, That the review of relevant human services  
9 functions include development of consolidated State auditing  
10 functions where possible; and be it further

11       RESOLVED, That the review of relevant human services  
12 functions consider compliance reporting form standardization;  
13 and be it further

14       RESOLVED, That the review of relevant human services  
15 administrative processes highlight burdensome processes which  
16 may interfere with service delivery or increase costs while  
17 conferring no benefit program recipients; and be it further

18       RESOLVED, That the review identify overly prescriptive human  
19 services administrative requirements or those requirements which  
20 have evolved without statutory or regulatory basis; and be it  
21 further

22       RESOLVED, That the review include cost-benefit analysis of  
23 compliance to the completion, review and approval of forms  
24 associated with the Office of Children, Youth and Families  
25 Bulletin No. 3170 relating to out-of-home placement services-  
26 contract documentation since these increase costs for providers  
27 and counties, subsequently reducing the amount of available  
28 funding for services; and be it further

29       RESOLVED, That the review determine costs of Federal and  
30 State reporting by county nursing homes in cases of alleged

1 abuse, neglect or misappropriation; and be it further

2       RESOLVED, That the review identify potential cost savings of  
3 standardizing the reporting of cases of alleged abuse, neglect  
4 or misappropriation by county nursing homes; and be it further

5       RESOLVED, That the review highlight savings through  
6 consolidation or repeal of required human services functions,  
7 including income and expense reporting and implementation of  
8 cross-systems planning; and be it further

9       RESOLVED, That, in its review, the committee consult with  
10 county commissioners, county program administrators, service  
11 providers, recipients, advocates and other stakeholders; and be  
12 it further

13       RESOLVED, That the committee develop specific recommendations  
14 for mandate waivers or alterations; and be it further

15       RESOLVED, That the committee report its findings to the House  
16 of Representatives within one year of the adoption of this  
17 resolution.