

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 163 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY HARHART, WATSON, TOOHIL, ROCK, TOEPEL, HEFFLEY,
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O'NEILL, MACKENZIE, HARPER, QUINN, KAUFFMAN, MILLER, BOBACK,
GINGRICH, PEIFER, GILLEN, STEVENSON, WHEATLEY, ROEBUCK,
DEASY, MOUL, KULA AND BISHOP, MARCH 15, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, MARCH 15, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Commission to identify
2 existing evidence-based child abuse and neglect prevention
3 programs in this Commonwealth and nationwide, evaluate the
4 effectiveness and relative cost of these programs and
5 identify opportunities to integrate child abuse and neglect
6 prevention methods and approaches into Commonwealth programs
7 and policy.

8 WHEREAS, The General Assembly recognizes that child abuse and
9 neglect are persistent problems in this Commonwealth; and

10 WHEREAS, The Task Force on Child Protection was created by
11 the General Assembly to thoroughly review State laws and
12 procedures governing child protection and the reporting of child
13 abuse; and

14 WHEREAS, The task force issued its report and recommendations
15 on November 27, 2012; and

16 WHEREAS, The task force recommended that evidence-based child ◀
17 abuse and neglect prevention programs be encouraged and ◀
18 financially supported where feasible, and that the numerous

1 models of successful prevention programs throughout this
2 Commonwealth and nationwide be more fully considered to
3 determine whether they are adaptable to diverse communities
4 throughout this Commonwealth; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the Joint
6 State Government Commission to identify existing successful
7 evidence-based child abuse and neglect prevention programs ◀
8 operating in this Commonwealth and nationwide; and be it further ◀

9 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission evaluate
10 the effectiveness and relative cost of these programs; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission identify
13 opportunities to integrate child abuse and neglect prevention ◀
14 methods and approaches into Commonwealth programs and the policy
15 of Commonwealth agencies where feasible; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission, in
17 consultation with the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
18 as necessary, identify all existing Federal, State and county
19 funding streams currently provided for child abuse and neglect ◀
20 prevention and provide recommendations on how to create ◀
21 incentives for the adoption and implementation of evidence-based ◀
22 child abuse and neglect prevention programs; and be it further ◀

23 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission prepare
24 a report of its findings and transmit copies of the report to
25 the chairperson and minority chairperson of the Children and
26 Youth Committee and the chairperson and minority chairperson of
27 the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives no later
28 than 18 months after the adoption of this resolution.