
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY ARGALL, VULAKOVICH, EICHELBERGER, FONTANA,
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WARD AND ALLOWAY, JULY 23, 2015

REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
JULY 23, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to
2 conduct a study relating to the feasibility and cost-
3 effectiveness of utilizing privately owned veterans care
4 facilities to augment the Commonwealth's six State-owned
5 veterans care facilities.

6 WHEREAS, There is increased demand for quality care for
7 veterans across this Commonwealth; and

8 WHEREAS, Costs to subsidize veterans care from taxpayers
9 could be offset by utilizing the private sector care facilities;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Veterans Affairs
12 currently partners with several private sector care facilities;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The private sector can further assist the department
15 to provide necessary care to veterans and their families;
16 therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate direct Legislative Budget and
18 Finance Committee to conduct a study relating to the cost-

1 effectiveness and opportunities for the Department of Military
2 and Veterans Affairs to partner with the private sector to
3 provide added care for veterans in Pennsylvania; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That the study include:

6 (1) The number of veterans in each county waiting to be
7 placed in State veterans care facilities.

8 (2) The number of veterans in Pennsylvania eligible for
9 care from the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and
10 the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

11 (3) The average cost per day of the care and treatment
12 for a veteran at State-owned veterans care facilities.

13 (4) The average cost per day of the care and treatment
14 for a veteran at a privately owned care facility.

15 (5) The projected number of veterans who will need care
16 over the next 10 years within this Commonwealth.

17 (6) A summary of other states and their respective
18 programs that allow for public-private partnerships with the
19 United States Department of Veterans Affairs to offer
20 additional care for veterans.

21 (7) Any additional opportunities that exist to enhance
22 and improve the care for veterans at either a State-owned or
23 privately owned facility;

24 and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That in compiling this report the Legislative
26 Budget and Finance Committee seek input from the Department of
27 Military and Veterans Affairs, United States Department of
28 Veterans Affairs and any other groups or individuals who may
29 have information relevant to this study; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee

1 report its findings and recommendations to the Senate no later
2 than December 31, 2015.