

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY ARGALL, VULAKOVICH, EICHELBERGER, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, BREWSTER, BARTOLOTTA, FOLMER, SABATINA, SCARNATI, WARD, ALLOWAY, BROWNE AND STEFANO, JULY 23, 2015

SENATOR VULAKOVICH, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, AS AMENDED, SEPTEMBER 30, 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 PROVIDE OR subsidize veterans care from <--
9 taxpayers could be offset by utilizing the private sector care
10 facilities; and

11 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Veterans Affairs
12 currently partners with several ~~private sector~~ PRIVATELY OWNED <--
13 OR MANAGED HEALTH care facilities TO PROVIDE QUALITY HEALTH CARE <--
14 TO VETERANS; and

15 WHEREAS, The ~~private sector can~~ PRIVATELY MANAGED HEALTH CARE <--
16 FACILITIES MAY further assist the ~~department~~ DEPARTMENT OF <--
17 MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS to provide necessary care to
18 veterans and their families; therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That the Senate direct Legislative Budget and
2 Finance Committee to conduct a study relating to the cost-
3 effectiveness and opportunities for the Department of Military
4 and Veterans Affairs to partner with ~~the private sector~~ <--
5 PRIVATELY MANAGED HEALTH CARE FACILITIES to provide added care <--
6 for veterans in Pennsylvania; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the study include:

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

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

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

15 (4) The average cost per day of the care and treatment
16 for a veteran at a privately owned HEALTH care facility. <--

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

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

23 (7) THE TYPES OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL CARE TO BE PROVIDED <--
24 AND HOW IT IS EXPECTED TO CHANGE OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS.

25 (8) THE TYPES OF VETERANS TO BE SERVED OVER THE NEXT 10
26 YEARS AND HOW THE POPULATION OF VETERANS MAY BE DIFFERENT
27 FROM TRADITIONAL POPULATIONS OF VETERANS BASED ON AGE, SEX
28 AND CONDITIONS TO BE TREATED.

29 ~~(7)~~ (9) Any additional opportunities that exist to <--
30 enhance and improve the care for veterans at either a State-

1 owned or privately owned facility;

2 and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That in compiling this report the Legislative
4 Budget and Finance Committee seek input from the Department of
5 Military and Veterans Affairs, United States Department of
6 Veterans Affairs and any other groups or individuals who may
7 have information relevant to this study; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
9 report its findings and recommendations to the Senate no later
10 than ~~December 31, 2015~~ SIX MONTHS AFTER THE ADOPTION OF THIS <--
11 RESOLUTION.