
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 754 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY BENNINGHOFF, MARCH 13, 2018

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND INDUSTRY, MARCH 13, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Commission to study the
2 long-term workforce and workforce training needs of the
3 Commonwealth's health care sector.

4 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is the sixth most populous state in the
5 United States with diverse demographics and ever-changing health
6 care needs; and

7 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth's growing aging population, steady
8 increase in chronic disease and the ever-present threat of
9 emerging health crises, such as the current opioid epidemic,
10 make patient access to high-quality health care, regardless of
11 location, more important than ever before; and

12 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth's ability to maintain a world-
13 class health care system is dependent on the availability of a
14 well-skilled, well-trained workforce and the ability of its
15 providers to attract and retain that workforce; and

16 WHEREAS, Health care and social assistance is the largest
17 employment sector in this Commonwealth; and

18 WHEREAS, The strength of this Commonwealth's health care
19 sector significantly impacts not only the health and well-being

1 of patients, but also the long-term economic prosperity and
2 stability of communities; therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the Joint
4 State Government Commission to study what the long-term health
5 care workforce and workforce training needs of this Commonwealth
6 will be over the next five years; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission study
8 how current Federal and State statutes and regulations impact
9 the ability of this Commonwealth's health care system to meet
10 those needs identified by the commission; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the study include recommendations to ensure
12 that this Commonwealth is able to adequately train, attract and
13 retain the workforce needed to meet those needs identified by
14 the Joint State Government Commission; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That, for its report, the Joint State Government
16 Commission shall solicit input from representatives of all
17 aspects of the health care sector and continuum of care; and be
18 it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission issue
20 the report with its findings and any recommendations to the
21 House of Representatives no later than one year after the
22 adoption of this resolution.