

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATOR YAW, ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, AS AMENDED, APRIL 25, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Establishing a task force on lead exposure and the hazards of
2 lead poisoning; imposing duties on the Joint State Government
3 Commission; and authorizing a study.

4 WHEREAS, Recent events in Flint, Michigan, have brought
5 national attention to lead levels in drinking water; and

6 WHEREAS, Based on the 2010 census, Pennsylvania ranks fifth
7 nationally in the percentage of homes built before 1978; and

8 WHEREAS, Based on the 2010 census, Pennsylvania ranks fifth
9 nationally in the percentage of homes built before 1950; and

10 WHEREAS, Older homes are significantly more likely to contain
11 lead paint, lead pipes or copper pipes with lead soldering; and

12 WHEREAS, Lead affects virtually every system in the body and
13 is particularly harmful to a child's developing brain and
14 nervous system; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Senate establish a task force on lead
16 exposure and the hazards of lead poisoning; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the task force be ~~comprised of two members~~

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1 COMPRISED OF:

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2 (1) THE CHAIRPERSON AND MINORITY CHAIRPERSON OF THE
3 ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE;

4 (2) THE CHAIRPERSON AND MINORITY CHAIRPERSON OF THE
5 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE; AND

6 (3) TWO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS of the Senate, one appointed
7 by the President pro tempore and one appointed by the
8 Minority Leader of the ~~Senate; and be it further~~ SENATE;

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9 AND BE IT FURTHER

10 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission
11 establish an advisory committee to the task force consisting of
12 the following members:

13 ~~(1) the Secretary of Health, or his or her designee;~~

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14 ~~(2) the Secretary of Environmental Protection, or his or
15 her designee;~~

16 ~~(3) the chairperson of the Pennsylvania Public Utility
17 Commission, or his or her designee;~~

18 ~~(4) the executive director of the Pennsylvania Housing
19 and Finance Agency, or his or her designee;~~

20 ~~(5) the Physician General for the Commonwealth, or his
21 or her designee;~~

22 ~~(6) nine individuals appointed by the Governor as
23 follows:~~

24 ~~(i) two individuals who are pediatric doctors with
25 experience in lead poisoning;~~

26 ~~(ii) one individual who is the parent of a child
27 with elevated lead levels;~~

28 ~~(iii) one individual representing municipal water
29 authorities;~~

30 ~~(iv) one individual representing rural water~~

1 ~~companies;~~

2 ~~(v) one individual representing water companies that~~
3 ~~are not owned by a municipal water authority or a rural~~
4 ~~water company;~~

5 ~~(vi) one individual who is certified to remediate~~
6 ~~lead in this Commonwealth;~~

7 ~~(vii) one individual who works in maintenance in a~~
8 ~~school in an urban school district; and~~

9 ~~(viii) one individual who works in maintenance in a~~
10 ~~school in a rural school district.~~

11 ~~(7) The executive director of the Housing Alliance of~~
12 ~~Pennsylvania;~~

13 (1) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE; <--

14 (2) THE SECRETARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, OR HIS OR
15 HER DESIGNEE;

16 (3) THE SECRETARY OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY, OR HIS OR HER
17 DESIGNEE;

18 (4) THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY
19 COMMISSION, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE;

20 (5) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HOUSING
21 FINANCE AGENCY, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE;

22 (6) THE PHYSICIAN GENERAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH, OR HIS OR
23 HER DESIGNEE;

24 (7) TWO MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS WITH RECOGNIZED EXPERIENCE
25 IN PEDIATRIC CARE AND LEAD POISONING;

26 (8) ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A PARENT OF A CHILD WITH
27 ELEVATED LEAD LEVELS OR AN INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING AN
28 ASSOCIATION OR ORGANIZATION WITH RECOGNIZED EXPERIENCE IN
29 CHILDREN'S HEALTH;

30 (9) ONE INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING MUNICIPAL WATER

1 AUTHORITIES;

2 (10) ONE INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING RURAL WATER COMPANIES;

3 (11) ONE INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTING A WATER UTILITY

4 REGULATED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION AND

5 THAT IS INCORPORATED IN THIS COMMONWEALTH;

6 (12) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL HEALTH

7 DEPARTMENT;

8 (13) ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS CERTIFIED TO REMEDIATE LEAD

9 IN THIS COMMONWEALTH;

10 (14) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF AN URBAN SCHOOL DISTRICT;

11 (15) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND

12 (16) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HOUSING ALLIANCE OF

13 PENNSYLVANIA;

14 and be it further

15 ~~RESOLVED, That the Secretary of Health serve as the~~ <--

16 ~~chairperson of the advisory committee; and be it further~~

17 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission, working

18 with the advisory committee, conduct a comprehensive review and

19 analysis of laws, regulations, policies and procedures of the

20 Commonwealth and other states regarding an assessment of lead

21 exposure as a public health concern; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the review and analysis include the following

23 areas:

24 (1) an assessment of the age of this Commonwealth's

25 housing stock, public housing units, water pipelines, school

26 buildings and day-care facilities;

27 (2) an assessment of the threat lead exposure poses to

28 public health;

29 (3) an assessment of the prevalence of lead in homes,

30 schools, day-care centers and other places in which children

1 spend a majority of their days; and

2 (4) an assessment of the Commonwealth's approach to lead
3 testing, ABATEMENT and remediation and how it compares to <--
4 other states;

5 and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the task force recommend changes to State
7 statutes, regulations, practices, policies and procedures
8 relating to lead testing, ABATEMENT and remediation; and be it <--
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission issue a
11 report of the task force's findings and recommendations to the
12 Senate within 18 months of the ~~adoption of~~ ESTABLISHMENT OF THE <--
13 ADVISORY COMMITTEE UNDER this resolution.