
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the importance and valuable service of pediatric
2 shift nurses to children with complex medical needs in
3 Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Home health agencies in Pennsylvania provide
5 pediatric shift nursing to help children with complex medical
6 needs live as independently as possible at home with their
7 families; and

8 WHEREAS, The key benefit of pediatric shift nursing care is
9 that a child can receive care outside of a hospital and into
10 their own home with their family, regardless of the medical
11 equipment necessary for their care; and

12 WHEREAS, Pediatric shift nurses are registered nurses and
13 licensed practical nurses who are able to administer prescribed
14 medication and ensure that a child's condition remains stable;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Pediatric shift nurses become a lifeline to families
17 who need the support and assistance so that parents can continue

1 to work and siblings can continue to participate in school and
2 community activities; and

3 WHEREAS, Throughout the Commonwealth, there are 3,507
4 children who are eligible to receive pediatric shift nursing;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, There is a severe shortage of pediatric shift nurses
7 available to provide this in-home care to children; and

8 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Homecare Association has published
9 a guide to help families as they navigate a life requiring a
10 pediatric shift nurse; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
12 importance and valuable service of pediatric shift nurses to
13 children with complex medical needs in Pennsylvania.