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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 722 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY TARTAGLIONE, FARNESE, KEARNEY, COSTA, KILLION,  
BREWSTER AND BOSCOLA, JUNE 6, 2019

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REFERRED TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, JUNE 6, 2019

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled  
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the  
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the  
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative  
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,  
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or  
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or  
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative  
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and  
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative  
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,  
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the  
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive  
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of  
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and  
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,  
17 and commissions; providing for judicial administration; and  
18 prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation  
19 of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of  
20 certain departments, boards and commissions shall be  
21 determined," in powers and duties of the Department of Drug  
22 and Alcohol Programs, further providing for powers and  
23 duties.

24 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
25 hereby enacts as follows:

26 Section 1. Section 2301-A of the act of April 9, 1929  
27 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, is  
28 amended by adding a paragraph to read:

1 Section 2301-A. Powers and duties.

2 The Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs shall have the  
3 power and its duty shall be:

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5 (8.1) To utilize criteria developed or adapted by the  
6 Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs to meet the needs,  
7 service requirements and regulatory structure of the  
8 Commonwealth to guide decisions governing the type, level and  
9 length of care, including hospital detoxification, for  
10 pregnant addicted women, addicted women with dependent  
11 children, veterans, homeless individuals with addiction, low-  
12 level drug offenders sent to treatment as part of sentencing  
13 by drug courts and other patients receiving drug and alcohol  
14 addiction treatment through Federal or State funding. In  
15 carrying out this duty, the Department of Drug and Alcohol  
16 Programs may not utilize criteria from a national tool.

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18 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.