

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 170 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY TARTAGLIONE, ARGALL, STREET, J. WARD, BREWSTER,
COSTA AND KANE, FEBRUARY 10, 2021

REFERRED TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, FEBRUARY 10, 2021

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.