

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the legislative council to study the issue of involuntary commitment of persons with substance use disorders.

WATERMAN

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



Whereas,

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the legislative council
2 to study the issue of involuntary commitment of persons with substance
3 use disorders.

4 *Whereas, This resolution may be referred to as "Jennifer's*
5 *Resolution";*

6 *Whereas, The annual total estimated societal cost of substance*
7 *abuse in the United States is \$510.8 billion;*

8 *Whereas, A 2010 study by the Indiana State Epidemiology and*
9 *Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW) found that direct and indirect costs of*
10 *substance abuse and related consequences burden the State of Indiana*
11 *by an estimated \$7.3 billion per year;*

12 *Whereas, Cost-benefit analyses of treatment programs have*
13 *indicated that every one dollar spent on treatment results in an*
14 *average of seven dollars saved in benefits. These benefits include*
15 *increased employment, fewer medical expenses, and decreased crime*
16 *and crime-related expenses;*

17 *Whereas, Historically, greater than 80% of states' corrections*
18 *budgets are spent on adults who use substances;*

19 *Whereas, Community-based treatment is significantly less*
20 *expensive than incarceration. Calculations from other states have*
21 *estimated annual savings of nearly \$20,000 per inmate;*

22 *Whereas, In 2012, approximately 25,000 Hoosiers were admitted*
23 *to a substance abuse treatment program;*

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1 *Whereas, Indiana Code 12-23-11-1 provides that an individual*
2 *who is an alcoholic, incapacitated by alcohol, or a drug abuser may*
3 *be involuntarily committed to the care of the Division for Alcoholics*
4 *and Drug Abusers for treatment;*

5 *Whereas, Many Hoosiers with substance use disorders are not*
6 *aware of substance abuse treatment facility options, nor are their*
7 *friends and family members; and*

8 *Whereas, Further study is necessary to determine the reasons why*
9 *more Hoosiers do not take advantage of treatment options, including*
10 *involuntary commitment: Therefore,*

11 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
12 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

13 SECTION 1. That the legislative council is urged to study the issue
14 of involuntary commitment of persons with substance use disorders.

15 SECTION 2. That the legislative council is specifically urged to
16 consider whether:

17 (a) the involuntary commitment statute is underutilized;

18 (b) the state should inform the public, law enforcement, and the
19 judiciary of the current Indiana laws on involuntary commitment; and

20 (c) the state has adequate resources to provide treatment for persons
21 with substance use disorders.

22 SECTION 3. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
23 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Sharon Blair.

