

**SENATE CONCURRENT
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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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3 *Whereas, House Enrolled Act 1448 (2015) was deemed*
4 *"The Jennifer Act" to memorialize Jennifer Reynolds after she*
5 *passed away from an accidental prescription drug overdose;*

6 *Whereas, The Act received unanimous approval in both*
7 *chambers of the Indiana General Assembly before it was signed*
8 *into law by Governor Pence on May 4, 2015;*

9 *Whereas, Provisions in the bill touched on educating*
10 *judges, prosecutors, and public defenders on the use of*
11 *diversion and other probationary programs, medication*
12 *assisted treatment options, and civil commitment options in*
13 *cases involving persons with addictive disorders;*

14 *Whereas, The Jennifer Act also allowed inpatient substance*
15 *abuse detoxification services to be provided under Medicaid;*

16 *Whereas, The Act remains a critical piece of the*
17 *conversation in trying to prevent accidental overdose deaths*
18 *because many Hoosiers still struggle with addictive disorders;*
19 *and*

20 *Whereas, Jennifer Reynolds's story reminds us of the*
21 *importance of each life and the work that is yet to be done to*
22 *address addiction issues in our communities: Therefore,*



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

3 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges
4 continued recognition of The Jennifer Act as a way to combat
5 addiction in Hoosier communities.

6 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
7 to distribute a copy of this Resolution to Sharon Blair, mother
8 of Jennifer Reynolds and advocate for The Jennifer Act.

