

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the Legislative Council to assign to an appropriate study committee the topic of education and prevention of sexually transmitted diseases.

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SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the Legislative Council
2 to assign to an appropriate study committee the topic of
3 education and prevention of sexually transmitted diseases.

4 *Whereas, Family planning is essential to securing the well-*
5 *being and autonomy of women, while supporting the health and*
6 *development of communities;*

7 *Whereas, The study committee will research how to*
8 *improve access to rural health, genital human papillomavirus*
9 *(HPV) education and vaccination, and sexually transmitted*
10 *disease (STD) prevention;*

11 *Whereas, HPV is the most common STD. There are more*
12 *than 40 HPV types that can infect males and females. Most*
13 *people who become infected with HPV do not realize they are*
14 *infected or that they are passing the virus because there are no*
15 *symptoms;*

16 *Whereas, There is no treatment for the HPV virus itself, but*
17 *vaccines can protect males and females against some of the*
18 *most common types of HPV;*



1 *Whereas, STDs, particularly Chlamydia and gonorrhea*
2 *infections, are significant public health problems. More than*
3 *22,000 cases of Chlamydia and 6,400 cases of gonorrhea were*
4 *reported in Indiana in 2010, making them the two most*
5 *commonly reported communicable infections;*

6 *Whereas, Partners infected with Chlamydia and gonorrhea*
7 *are often asymptomatic, and therefore, are unlikely to seek*
8 *medical treatment;*

9 *Whereas, Even when doctors and other health practioners*
10 *counsel patients about the need for partner treatment, some*
11 *partners have limited or no access to medical care or choose*
12 *not to seek care; and*

13 *Whereas, Improving access to family planning would help*
14 *prevent the transmission of STDs, prevent pregnancy-related*
15 *health risks in women, reduce infant mortality, and empower*
16 *people and enhance education: Therefore,*

17 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
18 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

19 SECTION 1. That the Legislative Council is urged to assign to an
20 appropriate study committee the topic of education and prevention of
21 sexually transmitted diseases.

