
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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McNEILL, M. QUINN, RADER, READSHAW, ROZZI, SCHWEYER, WATSON
AND YOUNGBLOOD, MARCH 6, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, MARCH 6, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study
2 the financial and administrative effectiveness of the
3 statutory provisions requiring autism spectrum disorders
4 insurance coverage.

5 WHEREAS, Autism spectrum disorders are complex
6 neurobehavioral disorders that develop in early childhood and
7 include impairments in social interaction, developmental
8 language and communication skills and rigid, repetitive
9 behaviors; and

10 WHEREAS, Although there is no cure for autism spectrum
11 disorders, early diagnosis and appropriate support as a child
12 can lead to an improved adult outcome; and

13 WHEREAS, Nationally, approximately 1 in 68 American children
14 are living with autism spectrum disorders; and

15 WHEREAS, Statewide, more than 55,000 Pennsylvanians are
16 living with autism spectrum disorders; and

17 WHEREAS, The number of adults living with autism spectrum
18 disorders is expected to increase dramatically over the next few

1 years as adolescents age into adulthood; and

2 WHEREAS, Autism spectrum disorders have become an urgent
3 public health concern that is more common than previously
4 thought; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the
6 Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a
7 comprehensive study of the act of July 9, 2008 (P.L.885, No.62),
8 providing for autism spectrum disorders insurance coverage, to
9 determine how the duties set forth in the act are being
10 implemented; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the committee report its findings and
12 recommendations to the House of Representatives no later than
13 November 30, 2018.