

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED _____, 20_____

BY _____, District
NO. _____

BY _____, District
NO. _____

BY _____, District
NO. _____

BY _____, District
NO. _____

BY _____, District
NO. _____

See next page for additional co-sponsors.

Referred to Committee on	
Date _____	20_____
Reported _____	20_____
As Committed-Amended	
Recommendation	

By Hon. _____	

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs to
2 establish and administer a task force on access to addiction
3 treatment through health plans and other resources.

4 WHEREAS, The human suffering associated with addiction for
5 affected families has reached epidemic proportions; and

6 WHEREAS, More than 2,500 Pennsylvanians lost their lives to
7 drug overdoses in 2013, with higher numbers expected in
8 subsequent years; and

9 WHEREAS, Drug-related deaths outnumber traffic fatalities in
10 16 states, including this Commonwealth; and

11 WHEREAS, Current court dockets are crowded with people with
12 addictions to prescription and other drugs; and

13 WHEREAS, Coverage for addiction treatment is already included
14 in the Affordable Care Act, the Federal Mental Health Parity and
15 Addiction Equity Act, health exchanges, Medicaid expansion and
16 State laws; and

17 WHEREAS, Despite this coverage, families urgently seeking
18 help for loved ones report difficulty accessing treatment

1 remedies, as appropriate, to be completed one year after the
2 passage of this resolution.