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Summary
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This resolution directs the Joint State Government Commission to form an advisory committee to study the need for, availability of, and access to effective drug addiction treatment in the Commonwealth.

The advisory committee shall be comprised of representatives from:

- Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole
- Departments of
    - Corrections
    - Drug and Alcohol Programs
    - Education
    - Health
    - Human Services
    - Insurance
- Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts
- Juvenile Court Judges' Commission
- Private organizations that represent medical hospitals
- Addiction Treatment Programs and Organizations; including medical specialists
- Health Insurers
- Recovering addicts and family members
- Pennsylvania Association of County Drug and Alcohol Administrators
- Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association
- Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape
- Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association
- Others who may have expertise or experience

The advisory committee shall review:
- Locations and types of treatment programs both inpatient and outpatient
- Need for additional treatment resources
- Opportunity to access treatment

- Private versus public funding options
- Forms of treatment and the effectiveness of each
- Consumer's ability to make educated decisions for treatment
- Best practices and how to encourage them
- Any other relevant issues to improving the availability of effective treatment

The Joint State Government Commission shall provide for reasonable public comment and input.

The final report shall include recommendations for changes to statutes, practices, policies, programs and procedures relating to drug addiction treatment. It shall be issued within 18 months from the date of adoption of the resolution.

Amendment A06111 – removes duplicative language