



HOUSE HEALTH COMMITTEE
VOTING MEETING
Wednesday, May 7th, 2025
9:00am
Irvis Office Building Room G-50
Harrisburg, PA

1. Call to Order
2. Attendance

HB681 PN695 – (Otten) An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school health services, further providing for health services, for reports and for interagency coordinating council for child health, nutrition and physical education.

Amendment A00503 – (Otten) Ensures that the Department of Health can use reported data for the purposes of grant applications.

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HB1269 PN1422 – (Labs) An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in administrative organization, further providing for advisory boards and commissions; and, in powers and duties of the Department of Health and its departmental administrative and advisory boards, establishing the Brain Injury Advisory Board.

Amendment A00488 – (Frankel) Technical amendment to use the appropriate title for adjutant general and reduces board members to 21.

HR188 PN1373 – (Matzie) A Resolution recognizing May 6, 2025, as "World Asthma Day" in Pennsylvania.

HR194 PN1434 – (Mihalek) A Resolution recognizing the month of August 2025 as "National Wellness Month" in Pennsylvania.

HR199 PN1430 – (Labs) A Resolution recognizing the month of October 2025 as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" and October 17, 2025, as "National Mammography Day" in Pennsylvania.

HR222 PN1575 – (Frankel) A Resolution recognizing the month of May 2025 as "Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

HR225 PN1572 – (J. Harris) A Resolution recognizing May 13, 2025, as "Cancer Action Day" in Pennsylvania.

3. Any other business that may come before the committee.
4. Adjournment

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HB0681 PN0695	Prepared By:	Erika Fricke (412) 422-1774
Committee:	Health	Executive Director:	Erika Fricke
Sponsor:	Otten, Danielle		
Date:	5/1/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Changes how required height and weight measurements are taken and used in schools, and adds the Department of Human Services to the council that review the Pennsylvania Child Health Wellness plan.

C. Analysis of the Bill

House Bill 681 amends Article XIV of the Public School Code related to School Health Services to address how students' height and weight are taken, calculated and reported. Additionally, it amends the Child Health Wellness plan to include the Department of Human Services (DHS) and information about the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Changes to Data Collection and Analysis

Under the legislation, teachers would no longer collect height and weight measurements, but other health care practitioners could. That includes any provider with a license, certificate, permit or registration to diagnose or treat disease in the commonwealth. Student confidentiality must be protected and the measurements can only be used to analyze a student's growth patterns. The bill removes the weight-for-height ratio calculation, commonly referred to as Body Mass Index (BMI).

Parents can opt-out of the height and weight measurement, if they do so in writing.

The Secretary of Health is not allowed to make any changes to the requirements around height and weight reporting.

Changes to Reporting

In the reports required by the Departments of Education and Health, school districts won't report student BMI, and information may only be provided in a way that keeps students anonymous.

Interagency Coordinating Council and Child Wellness Plan

The Interagency Coordinating Council is responsible for creating and updating the Pennsylvania Child Wellness Plan each year.

Under the bill, staff from DHS is added to that Interagency Coordinating Council, which currently includes staff from the Department of Education, the Department of Health, and the Department of Agriculture. Information about choosing health food within Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is recommended for inclusion in the plan.

Finally, the plan must be published on the DHS website, along with the websites of the other three departments.

Effective Date:

Immediately

G. Relevant Existing Laws

[Article XIV of the School Code](#) details the requirements for school health services including a requirement that student height and weight be measured by a school nurse or teacher and that BMI be calculated, with results reported to the Department of Education or Department of Health, as required by regulations.

The Interagency Coordinating Council for Child Health, Nutrition and Physical Education currently includes staff from the Department of Education, Department of Health and Department of Agriculture.

[Title 28 of the Pennsylvania Code, Chapter 23](#), outlines requirements for height and weight measurements as follows:

[§ 23.7](#). Height and weight measurements.

(a) Height and weight measurement shall be conducted at least once annually and preferably twice annually. Every effort shall be made to determine the pattern of growth for each child so that his weight and height can be interpreted in light of his own growth pattern rather than those of his classmates.

(b) Height and weight measurements shall be conducted by a nurse or teacher.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

None

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 681 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY OTTEN, PIELLI, HILL-EVANS, RABB, PROBST, GIRAL,
KENYATTA, SANCHEZ, DALEY, GREEN, MADDEN AND CERRATO,
FEBRUARY 20, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, FEBRUARY 20, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," in school health services, further
6 providing for health services, for reports and for
7 interagency coordinating council for child health, nutrition
8 and physical education.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. Section 1402(a) and (f) of the act of March 10,
12 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,
13 are amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to
14 read:

15 Section 1402. Health Services.--(a) Each child of school
16 age shall be given by methods established by the Advisory Health
17 Board, (1) a hearing test by a school nurse or medical
18 technician, (2) a measurement of height and weight by a school
19 nurse or [teacher] other trained health care practitioner, who
20 shall collect that information in a manner that protects student

1 confidentiality and shall only use the measurement to compute a
2 child's [weight-for-height ratio] growth pattern, (3) tests for
3 tuberculosis under medical supervision, and (4) such other tests
4 as the Advisory Health Board may deem advisable to protect the
5 health of the child.

6 * * *

7 (a.3) A student shall be exempt from measurement of height
8 and weight if the student's parent or guardian requests an
9 exemption in writing.

10 * * *

11 (f) The Secretary of Health, upon petition of the school
12 board or joint school board or on his own initiative with the
13 concurrence of the school board or joint school board, may
14 modify for individual school districts the school health
15 services program specified in this section, except for
16 provisions under subsections (a)(2) and (a.3). The program as
17 modified shall conform to approved medical or dental practices
18 and shall permit valid statistical appraisals of the various
19 components of the program.

20 * * *

21 Section 2. Section 1408 of the act is amended to read:

22 Section 1408. Reports.--(a) Every school district of the
23 Commonwealth or school districts jointly, school physicians,
24 school dentists and school nurses, shall file with the Secretary
25 of Health and/or the Superintendent of Public Instruction such
26 reports as required by the regulations of the two departments.

27 (b) Height and weight measurements shall not be calculated
28 and reported as body mass index and may only be reported as
29 aggregate information from a scientifically drawn sample of
30 students in a manner that protects student confidentiality.

1 Section 3. Section 1422.2(a) and (d) of the act are amended
2 and subsection (c) is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

3 Section 1422.2. Interagency Coordinating Council for Child
4 Health, Nutrition and Physical Education.--(a) The Secretary of
5 Education, the Secretary of Health, the Secretary of Human
6 Services and the Secretary of Agriculture shall establish an
7 interagency coordinating council which shall annually review,
8 revise and publish a Pennsylvania Child Wellness Plan to promote
9 child health, nutrition and physical education. The council
10 shall be composed of employes of the Department of Education,
11 the Department of Health, the Department of Human Services and
12 the Department of Agriculture. The Secretary of Education shall
13 appoint the chairman of the council.

14 * * *

15 (c) In the initial publication of the Pennsylvania Child
16 Wellness Plan to promote child health, nutrition and physical
17 education, the council shall integrate the contents of the
18 Pennsylvania Nutrition and Activity Plan to Prevent Obesity and
19 Related Chronic Diseases and shall include additional
20 recommendations regarding:

21 * * *

22 (7) The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program education
23 program to improve the likelihood that families with children
24 eligible for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program will
25 make healthy food choices within a limited budget and choose
26 physically active lifestyles.

27 (d) The council shall submit the plan to the Secretary of
28 Education, the Secretary of Health and the Secretary of
29 Agriculture no later than May 1, 2007, and May 1 of each year
30 thereafter. The Secretary of Education shall submit the final

1 plan to the Governor, the President pro tempore of the Senate,
2 the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
3 Representatives and the Minority Leader of the House of
4 Representatives by June 1, 2007, and June 1 of each year
5 thereafter. The final plan shall be included on the [Department
6 of Education's, Department of Health's and Department of
7 Agriculture's Internet websites.] publicly accessible Internet
8 websites of the Department of Education, Department of Health,
9 Department of Human Services and Department of Agriculture.

10 Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 681

Sponsor:

Printer's No. 695

1 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 11 through 14, by striking out all
2 of said lines and inserting

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4 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, is
5 amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to
6 read:

7 Amend Bill, page 1, line 19, by striking out "trained"

8 Amend Bill, page 2, line 1, by striking out "only"

9 Amend Bill, page 2, line 9, by inserting after "writing."

10 A school district shall provide notification to a student's
11 parent or legal guardian regarding the procedure to request an
12 exemption.

13 Amend Bill, page 2, lines 11 through 20, by striking out all
14 of said lines

15 Amend Bill, page 2, lines 27 through 30, by striking out
16 "shall not be calculated" in line 27 and all of lines 28 through
17 30 and inserting

18 may be calculated into a body mass index by a school nurse
19 or other trained health care practitioner employed by the school
20 district. A school district may not deliver a student's body
21 mass index to either the student or the student's parent or
22 guardian unless requested by the parent or guardian in writing.
23 A school district shall report the recorded height and weight
24 measurements and body mass index calculation to the Secretary of
25 Health in a manner that protects the confidentiality of the
26 student's information.

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17 (b) Deidentified height and weight measurements shall only
18 be calculated and reported as body mass index to the Department
19 of Health and the Department of Education for purposes of
20 reporting and for grant applications requiring this information.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HB1269 PN1422	Prepared By:	Erika Fricke
Committee:	Health		(412) 422-1774
Sponsor:	Labs	Executive Director:	Erika Fricke
Date:	5/1/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Codifies the Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board within the Department of Health.

B. Committee Votes

N/A.

C. Analysis of the Bill

House Bill 1269 codifies the Brain Injury Advisory Board within the Department of Health by amending the Administrative Code of 1929.

Board composition

The board will consist of 25 voting members appointed by the Governor. Members shall include representatives of:

- Family members of brain injury survivors.
- People living with brain injuries.
- groups that promote disability rights, or represent rehabilitation facilities or people with brain injuries.
- groups providing brain injury services or advocacy.
- groups from statewide injury prevention programs.
- veterans diagnosed with brain injuries.
- public and non-profit health care.

The board will include one hoc nonvoting members appointed by:

- Secretary of Aging
- Secretary of Corrections
- Secretary of Education
- Secretary of Health
- Secretary of Human Services
- Secretary of Labor and Industry
- The Adjutant General of Military and Veterans Affairs
- Insurance Commissioner

Voting members will serve for four years. Appointments can extend up to an additional six months of a successor has not been appointed.

Vacancies will be filled for the balance of an unexpired term.

Board requirements

Members won't get paid for service, but can be reimbursed for travel and other expenses.

The Governor will designate chair, vice chair and secretary from amongst the voting members. Members can only serve one term in that office.

The board must meet publicly four times a year, and can meet virtually.

Meetings dates must be published in the PA Bulletin.

The Department of Health will staff the advisory board.

Existing members can complete terms on the advisory board.

Board Duties:

- Advise the Governor about needs for people with brain injuries and services for them and their families.
- Recommend changes to the brain injury State Action Plan to improve access to brain injury services.
- Apply for grants for brain injury projects.
- Encourage citizen participation with the board, including hosting public hearings and community outreach.
- Report on:
 - Brain injury data.
 - Funding from sources for brain injury programs and materials.
 - State matching funds needed to apply for non-State grants.
 - Any other information that advances the goals of the advisory board and brain injury support programs.

Definition:

"Brain Injury" is defined as both traumatic and nontraumatic brain injury.

Effective Date:

180 days

D. Third Party Feedback

SUPPORT

PA War Veterans Council

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

None

F. Key Points

The Brain Injury (BI) Advisory Board of the Pennsylvania Department of Health was established in August 2001 by the Secretary of Health as a requirement of the Health Resources and Services Administration Federal TBI Planning Grant and Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C.A. 300d - 52 et seq.).

The board provides advice and expertise to the Pennsylvania Department of Health in the determination of service and support needs of individuals with BI and the implementation of services to those individuals and their families. The board plays an integral role in making recommendations regarding future activities to be placed in the BI State Action Plan thereby improving access to BI services in Pennsylvania through information and education.

The board consists of 22 voting members. The members of the board include family members of TBI survivors; individuals living with a TBI; representatives from the departments of Aging, Human Services, Labor and Industry, Insurance, Health, Corrections and Education; representatives from the Disability Rights Pennsylvania, Rehabilitation and Communities Providers Association (RCPA), Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania (BIAPA) and community-based organizations in BI service provision and advocacy.

Appointed members shall serve a four-year term.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

The Brain Injury (BI) Advisory Board of the Pennsylvania Department of Health was established in August 2001 by the Secretary of Health as a requirement of the Health Resources and Services Administration Federal TBI Planning Grant and Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C.A. 300d - 52 et seq).

[42 US Code 300d](#) provides the authority to give grants related to trauma care.

[US Title 42 300d-52](#) requires the state to establish a state advisory board related to traumatic brain injury in order to be eligible for grants:

H. Messaging

Represent veterans

PA is required to have a traumatic brain injury advisory board, but despite the risk of TBI in combat, veterans aren't represented.

This bill corrects that problem, and ensure veterans representation on the board.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1269 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY LABS, STENDER, PICKETT, MIHALEK, RIVERA, K.HARRIS AND WARREN, APRIL 21, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, APRIL 21, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
 2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
 3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
 4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
 5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
 6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
 7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
 8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
 9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
 10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
 11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
 12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
 13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
 14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
 15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
 16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,
 17 and commissions; providing for judicial administration; and
 18 prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation
 19 of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of
 20 certain departments, boards and commissions shall be
 21 determined," in administrative organization, further
 22 providing for advisory boards and commissions; and, in powers
 23 and duties of the Department of Health and its departmental
 24 administrative and advisory boards, establishing the Brain
 25 Injury Advisory Board.

26 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

27 hereby enacts as follows:

28 Section 1. Section 203 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177,
 29 No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended to

1 read:

2 Section 203. Advisory Boards and Commissions.--The following
3 advisory boards and commissions are placed in and made parts of
4 the respective administrative departments, as follows:

5 In the Department of Military Affairs,

6 State Military Reservation Commission,

7 In the Department of Environmental Protection,

8 Citizens Advisory Council;

9 In the Department of Health,

10 Advisory Health Board[;],

11 Brain Injury Advisory Board;

12 In the Department of Labor and Industry,

13 Advisory Council on Affairs of the Handicapped,

14 Advisory Board on Problems of Older Workers,

15 Policy, Planning and Evaluation Advisory Committee;

16 In the Department of Public Welfare,

17 State Board of Public Welfare,

18 Advisory Committee for the Blind,

19 Advisory Committee for General and Special Hospitals,

20 Advisory Committee for Children and Youth,

21 Advisory Committee for Public Assistance,

22 Advisory Committee for Mental Health and Mental

23 Retardation.

24 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

25 Section 2126.1. Brain Injury Advisory Board.--(a) The Brain
26 Injury Advisory Board is established within the Department of
27 Health.

28 (b) The advisory board shall consist of twenty-five voting
29 members appointed by the Governor. Members of the advisory board
30 shall consist of all of the following:

- 1 (1) Family members of brain injury survivors.
- 2 (2) Individuals living with brain injury.
- 3 (3) Individuals from Statewide associations that promote the
4 rights of individuals with disabilities or represent
5 rehabilitation facilities or individuals with brain injuries.
- 6 (4) Individuals from Statewide or community-based
7 organizations that provide brain injury services or advocacy.
- 8 (5) Individuals from Statewide or community-based
9 organizations involved with injury control or injury prevention
10 programs.
- 11 (6) Veterans who have been diagnosed with brain injury.
- 12 (7) Individuals from public and nonprofit private health-
13 related organizations.
- 14 (c) The advisory board shall consist of ad hoc, nonvoting
15 members. One ad hoc, nonvoting member shall be appointed by each
16 of the following:
- 17 (1) The Secretary of Aging or the secretary's designee.
- 18 (2) The Secretary of Corrections or the secretary's
19 designee.
- 20 (3) The Secretary of Education or the secretary's designee.
- 21 (4) The Secretary of Health or the secretary's designee.
- 22 (5) The Secretary of Human Services or the secretary's
23 designee.
- 24 (6) The Secretary of Labor and Industry or the secretary's
25 designee.
- 26 (7) The Secretary of Military and Veterans Affairs or the
27 secretary's designee.
- 28 (8) The Insurance Commissioner or the commissioner's
29 designee.
- 30 (d) The term of office of each voting member of the advisory

1 board under subsection (b) shall be four years from the time of
2 appointment or until the voting member's successor has been
3 appointed, but shall not extend one hundred eighty days beyond
4 the four-year period.

5 (e) A vacancy in the voting membership of the advisory board
6 under subsection (b) shall be filled for the balance of an
7 unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

8 (f) Members of the advisory board shall serve without
9 compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement for travel
10 and other actual expenses incurred in the performance of their
11 duties.

12 (g) The Governor shall designate different voting members of
13 the advisory board under subsection (b) as chair, vice chair and
14 secretary of the advisory board. A voting member may not serve
15 more than one term in the same office specified under this
16 subsection.

17 (h) The advisory board shall meet publicly at least four
18 times a year at a time and place determined by the advisory
19 board, which may include virtual meetings.

20 (i) The Secretary of Health shall publicize meetings of the
21 advisory board by transmitting a notice to the Legislative
22 Reference Bureau for publication in the next available issue of
23 the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

24 (j) The Department of Health shall provide staff support to
25 the advisory board as determined by the Secretary of Health.

26 (k) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, a member
27 who is serving on the Brain Injury Advisory Board on the
28 effective date of this section established in 2001 by the
29 Secretary of Health as required under 42 U.S.C. § 300d-52
30 (relating to State grants for projects regarding traumatic brain

1 injury) may complete the member's term on the advisory board
2 established under subsection (a).

3 (1) The advisory board shall have the following duties:

4 (1) Advise the Governor and the departments represented on
5 the advisory board in the determination of service and support
6 needs of individuals with brain injury and the implementation of
7 services to those individuals and their families.

8 (2) Make recommendations regarding future activities to be
9 placed in the brain injury State Action Plan with the goal of
10 improving access to brain injury services in this Commonwealth
11 through information and education.

12 (3) Apply for grants made available for projects regarding
13 brain injury, including the Health Resources and Services
14 Administration Federal Traumatic Brain Injury Planning Grant
15 under 42 U.S.C. § 300d-52 or successor grant program. The
16 Department of Health shall provide the necessary resources for
17 applying for a grant under this paragraph, including serving as
18 the applicant for a grant if a State agency applicant is
19 required.

20 (4) Encourage citizen participation through the
21 establishment of public hearings and other types of community
22 outreach programs.

23 (5) Issue an annual report regarding all of the following:

24 (i) Brain injury data.

25 (ii) Funding from all sources received for brain injury
26 programs and educational materials.

27 (iii) Required State matching funds needed to apply for and
28 obtain non-State funded grants.

29 (iv) Other information that advances the goals of brain
30 injury programs and the advisory board.

1 (m) As used in this section, the term "brain injury"
2 includes a traumatic brain injury or nontraumatic brain injury.
3 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 180 days.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1269

Sponsor:

Printer's No. 1422

1 Amend Bill, page 2, line 16, by inserting a bracket before
2 "Public"

3 Amend Bill, page 2, line 16, by inserting after "Welfare"
4] Human Services

5 Amend Bill, page 2, line 17, by inserting a bracket before
6 "Public"

7 Amend Bill, page 2, line 17, by inserting after "Welfare"
8] Human Services

9 Amend Bill, page 2, line 28, by striking out "twenty-five"
10 and inserting
11 twenty-one

12 Amend Bill, page 2, line 30, by striking out "all of" and
13 inserting
14 representatives of each of

15 Amend Bill, page 3, line 1, by inserting after "members"
16 or caregivers

17 Amend Bill, page 3, lines 14 through 29, by striking out all
18 of said lines and inserting

19 (c) The advisory board shall consist of ad hoc, nonvoting
20 members. One ad hoc, nonvoting member shall be an employee of
21 each of the following Commonwealth agencies, appointed by the
22 head of each respective agency:

- 23 (1) The Department of Aging.
- 24 (2) The Department of Corrections.
- 25 (3) The Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs.
- 26 (4) The Department of Education.

- 1 (5) The Department of Health.
2 (6) The Department of Human Services.
3 (7) The Department of Labor and Industry.
4 (8) The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.
5 (9) The Insurance Department.

6 Amend Bill, page 4, line 4, by inserting after "period."
7 There shall be no term limits.

8 Amend Bill, page 4, line 14, by striking out "not"

9 Amend Bill, page 4, line 16, by striking out the period after
10 "subsection" and inserting
11 so long as one four-year term has elapsed between service in
12 the same office.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HR0188 PN1373	Prepared By:	Patrick O'Rourke (717) 787-4296,6711
Committee:	Health	Executive Director:	Erika Fricke
Sponsor:	Matzie, Robert		
Date:	5/6/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Recognizes May 6, 2025, as "World Asthma Day."

C. Analysis of the Bill

Asthma is defined as a chronic lung disease that inflames and narrows the airways, resulting in recurring periods of wheezing, chest tightness, shortness of breath and chronic coughing. It impacts approximately 25 million, or 1 in 12, individuals in the United States. In Pennsylvania, approximately 1 million adults and 300,000 children have asthma. Asthma has no known cure, however, proper diagnosis and treatment can improve quality of life.

Effective Date:

N/A.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

N/A.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

2023-24 Legislative Session

- [HR 96, PN 1116](#) (Matzie)
 - Recognizes May 2, 2023 as "World Asthma Day."
 - Reported out of Health on 5/22/2023.
- [HR 390, PN 2945](#) (Matzie)
 - Recognizes May 7, 2023 as "World Asthma Day."
 - Referred to Health on 4/10/2024.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 188 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY MATZIE, RIVERA, MAYES, VENKAT, MADDEN, KAZEEM,
McNEILL, GIRAL, FREEMAN, HANBIDGE, BRENNAN, NEILSON, KHAN,
HILL-EVANS, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, HOWARD, SANCHEZ, CERRATO, GUZMAN,
SCHLOSSBERG, RUSNOCK, O'MARA, CONKLIN AND CIRESI,
APRIL 15, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, APRIL 15, 2025

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 6, 2025, as "World Asthma Day" in Pennsylvania.

2 WHEREAS, The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
3 defines asthma as a chronic lung disease that inflames and
4 narrows the airways, resulting in recurring periods of wheezing,
5 chest tightness, shortness of breath and chronic coughing; and

6 WHEREAS, Approximately 25 million, or 1 in 12, individuals in
7 the United States are known to have asthma; and

8 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
9 reported that an estimated 1 million adults and an estimated
10 300,000 children in Pennsylvania suffer from asthma; and

11 WHEREAS, There is no known cure for asthma, but once asthma
12 is properly diagnosed and a treatment plan is implemented,
13 individuals are able to better manage symptoms and improve their
14 quality of life; and

15 WHEREAS, In an effort to raise awareness about asthma and
16 improve asthma care throughout the world, health care groups,

1 asthma educators, patients and advocates annually celebrate the
2 first Tuesday of May as "World Asthma Day"; and

3 WHEREAS, This day encourages individuals to focus on daily
4 management and ongoing education of asthma and to identify
5 allergens and irritants that can lead to and worsen asthma
6 attacks; and

7 WHEREAS, Individuals who participate in "World Asthma Day"
8 use this occasion as an opportunity to organize and participate
9 in local events, screenings and group discussions to become more
10 knowledgeable about asthma control; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize May 6,
12 2025, as "World Asthma Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all
14 residents of this Commonwealth to work together to help all
15 Pennsylvanians living with asthma control their symptoms.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No: HR0194 PN1434
Committee: Health
Sponsor: Mihalek, Natalie
Date: 5/6/2025

Prepared By: Patrick O'Rourke
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Executive Director: Erika Fricke

A. Brief Concept

Recognizes August 2025 as "National Wellness Month."

C. Analysis of the Bill

Wellness is an active process that encompasses physical, mental, and spiritual health. Nurturing the mind and body can help prevent the onset of chronic illness. A health diet, regular physical activity, maintaining social connections are all integral to a holistic approach to wellness. "National Wellness Month" is observed annually in August to raise awareness about the importance of comprehensive wellness practices and encourages residents to take proactive steps toward improving their health.

Effective Date:

N/A.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

N/A.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 194 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY MIHALEK, SHUSTERMAN, ROWE, SCIALABBA, O'MARA,
MAJOR, FLEMING, HOGAN, WARNER, KAIL, LABS, LEADBETER, GLEIM,
BOROWSKI, BENHAM, METZGAR, SAPPEY, GIRAL, SANCHEZ, VENKAT,
KULIK, GAYDOS, NEILSON, OTTEN, RIVERA, GREEN, KERWIN,
WEBSTER, COOPER AND PUGH, APRIL 22, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, APRIL 22, 2025

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of August 2025 as "National Wellness
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The health and well-being of the residents of
4 Pennsylvania are vital to the prosperity and quality of life in
5 this Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, Wellness is an active process of awareness and
7 consistent choices toward a healthy and fulfilling life,
8 encompassing physical, mental and spiritual health; and

9 WHEREAS, Nurturing the mind, body and spirit contributes to
10 overall well-being and can prevent the onset of chronic diseases
11 and other health conditions; and

12 WHEREAS, Healthy eating plays a crucial role in maintaining
13 optimal health, providing essential nutrients that support
14 bodily functions and reduce the risk of disease; and

15 WHEREAS, Engaging in regular physical activity, practicing
16 mindfulness, fostering social connections and adhering to a

1 balanced diet are integral components of a holistic approach to
2 wellness; and

3 WHEREAS, "National Wellness Month" is observed annually in
4 August to promote and encourage healthy habits that can lead to
5 a more balanced and fulfilling life; and

6 WHEREAS, Recognizing the month of August 2025 as "National
7 Wellness Month" in Pennsylvania raises awareness about the
8 importance of comprehensive wellness practices and encourages
9 residents to take proactive steps toward improving their health;
10 therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
12 month of August 2025 as "National Wellness Month" in
13 Pennsylvania; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That residents of this Commonwealth be encouraged
15 to focus on nurturing their mind, body and spirit through
16 activities, including healthy eating, regular physical exercise,
17 stress management and engaging in community and social
18 activities; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That employers, health care providers, educators
20 and community organizations be urged to promote resources and
21 programs that support comprehensive wellness initiatives
22 throughout the month of August and beyond.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HR0199 PN1430	Prepared By:	Patrick O'Rourke (717) 787-4296,6711
Committee:	Health	Executive Director:	Erika Fricke
Sponsor:	Labs, Shelby		
Date:	5/6/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Recognizes October 2025 as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" and October 17, 2025, as "National Mammography Day."

C. Analysis of the Bill

Breast cancer is one of the most prevalent cancers worldwide, being the most frequently diagnosed cancer among women in the U.S. after skin cancer. Breast Cancer accounts for 30% of all diagnosed cancer cases in American adolescent and young adult women. In Pennsylvania, approximately 140,000 women live with breast cancer and more than 13,000 women receive a breast cancer diagnosis every year.

In 2025, an estimated 316,950 women and 2,800 men will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer. When detected in its earliest, localized stages, the five-year relative survival rate for breast cancer is 99%. Clinical breast examinations, regular mammograms and breast self-examinations remain critical tools for detecting breast cancer. The use of mammography in the United States has been credited with doubling the detection of early stage breast cancer and cutting the risk of dying from breast cancer by roughly half. Many women do not utilize mammograms or other recommended testing methods at regular intervals before physical symptoms can be seen or felt.

Effective Date:

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G. Relevant Existing Laws

N/A.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

2023-2024 Legislative Session

- [HR 434, PN 3100](#) (Labs)
 - Recognizes October 2024 as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" and October 18, 2024, as "National Mammography Day."
 - Reported out of Health on 10/2/24.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 199 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY LABS, MARCELL, TOMLINSON, HANBIDGE, McNEILL,
PICKETT, SCHEUREN, CUTLER, VENKAT, M. MACKENZIE, ZIMMERMAN,
GUENST, BOROWSKI, RIVERA, NEILSON, REICHARD, MERSKI,
MALAGARI, D. WILLIAMS, O'MARA, MENTZER, K.HARRIS, CONKLIN,
CIRESI, WARREN, ROWE AND GILLEN, APRIL 21, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, APRIL 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of October 2025 as "Breast Cancer
2 Awareness Month" and October 17, 2025, as "National
3 Mammography Day" in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, October has been long recognized across America as
5 "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in an effort to educate everyone
6 about cancer and raise public awareness about the importance of
7 early detection; and

8 WHEREAS, Breast cancer is one of the most prevalent cancers
9 worldwide and the most frequently diagnosed cancer among women
10 in the United States after skin cancer; and

11 WHEREAS, Breast cancer is also one of the most common cancer
12 types among adolescent and young women; and

13 WHEREAS, Breast cancer accounts for 30% of all diagnosed
14 cancer cases in American adolescent and young adult women; and

15 WHEREAS, One in eight women in the United States will face a
16 breast cancer diagnosis during her lifetime; and

17 WHEREAS, Approximately 140,000 women in this Commonwealth are

1 currently living with breast cancer; and

2 WHEREAS, More than 13,000 women in this Commonwealth receive
3 a breast cancer diagnosis each year; and

4 WHEREAS, Breast cancer occurs in every country in the world
5 and affects both men and women, although men account for less
6 than 1% of breast cancer cases; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2025, an estimated 316,950 women and 2,800 men
8 will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer; and

9 WHEREAS, When detected in its earliest, localized stages, the
10 five-year relative survival rate for breast cancer is an
11 impressive 99%; and

12 WHEREAS, There are currently more than 4 million breast
13 cancer survivors across the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, Clinical breast examinations, regular mammograms and
15 breast self-examinations remain critical tools for detecting
16 breast cancer; and

17 WHEREAS, The use of mammography in the United States has been
18 credited with doubling the detection of early stage breast
19 cancer; and

20 WHEREAS, Efforts to promote increased mammogram screening
21 have resulted in the third Friday in October being observed
22 annually as "National Mammography Day;" and

23 WHEREAS, Significant advances in early detection and
24 treatment methods have dramatically improved breast cancer
25 survival rates in recent years; and

26 WHEREAS, Regular mammography screening cuts the risk of dying
27 from breast cancer nearly in half; and

28 WHEREAS, Even with impressive progress, many women do not
29 utilize mammograms or other recommended testing methods at
30 regular intervals before physical symptoms can be seen or felt;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Breast cancer does not discriminate - men and women
3 from all walks of life and of all ages and backgrounds are at
4 risk of developing breast cancer; and

5 WHEREAS, "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" sheds light on
6 preventative treatments and measures women can utilize to fight
7 breast cancer before it occurs or detect breast cancer in its
8 early stages; and

9 WHEREAS, Thousands of professionals and volunteers fight
10 against breast cancer and tirelessly work to raise funds,
11 increase public awareness and provide support to those affected
12 by breast cancer; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
14 month of October 2025 as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" and
15 October 17, 2025, as "National Mammography Day" in Pennsylvania;
16 and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage
18 Pennsylvanians to use this month as an opportunity to educate
19 themselves about breast cancer and take proactive steps to
20 reduce their risks and get appropriate screenings; and be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives stand together in
23 solidarity with individuals battling breast cancer, offering our
24 unwavering support, compassion and hope.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HR0222 PN1575	Prepared By:	Patrick O'Rourke (717) 787-4296,6711
Committee:	Health	Executive Director:	Erika Fricke
Sponsor:	Frankel, Dan		
Date:	5/6/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Recognizes May 2025 as "Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month."

C. Analysis of the Bill

Nearly 28 million individuals in the United States have asthma, including 4.9 million children. In Pennsylvania, more than 1 million individuals have asthma. Asthma is a manageable disease that claimed the lives of more than 3,500 individuals in the United States in 2021, including 143 individuals in the Commonwealth. Asthma is a leading cause of hospitalizations and school absences due to a chronic disease among children. The total economic cost of asthma in the United States was \$81.9 billion per year from 2008 to 2013. Black, Hispanic and indigenous individuals face the highest burden of asthma in the U.S.

More than 20 million individuals in the United States have food allergies, including about 4.3 million children. Food allergies have increased among children living in the United States over the past 20 years, with the greatest increase in Black children. Children with food allergies are two to four times more likely to have asthma or other allergic diseases.

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G. Relevant Existing Laws

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 222 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY FRANKEL, SCHMITT, VENKAT AND CONKLIN, MAY 2, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MAY 2, 2025

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2025 as "Asthma and Allergy
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Approximately 4.9 million children in the United
4 States currently have asthma; and

5 WHEREAS, Nearly 28 million individuals in the United States
6 have asthma and the numbers are increasing each year; and

7 WHEREAS, More than 1 million adults in this Commonwealth have
8 asthma; and

9 WHEREAS, Asthma is one of the most common noncommunicable
10 diseases among children; and

11 WHEREAS, More than 1.7 million individuals per year visit
12 emergency departments because of asthma's effects; and

13 WHEREAS, Asthma is a leading cause of hospitalizations and
14 school absences due to a chronic disease among children; and

15 WHEREAS, The total economic cost of asthma in the United
16 States was \$81.9 billion per year from 2008 to 2013; and

17 WHEREAS, Black, Hispanic and indigenous individuals in the
18 United States face the highest burden of asthma; and

1 WHEREAS, Asthma is a manageable disease that claimed the
2 lives of more than 3,500 individuals in the United States in
3 2021, including 143 individuals in this Commonwealth; and

4 WHEREAS, Individuals with asthma and food allergies need
5 access to affordable health insurance and to the medications and
6 devices they need at affordable prices; and

7 WHEREAS, More than 20 million individuals in the United
8 States have food allergies, including about 4.3 million
9 children; and

10 WHEREAS, Food allergies have increased among children living
11 in the United States over the past 20 years, with the greatest
12 increase in Black children; and

13 WHEREAS, Children with food allergies are two to four times
14 more likely to have asthma or other allergic diseases;
15 therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
17 month of May 2025 as "Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month" in
18 Pennsylvania.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HR0225 PN1572	Prepared By:	Patrick O'Rourke (717) 787-4296,6711
Committee:	Health	Executive Director:	Erika Fricke
Sponsor:	Harris, Jordan		
Date:	5/6/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Recognizes May 13, 2025, as "Cancer Action Day."

C. Analysis of the Bill

Nearly 620,000 individuals will lose their lives to cancer in 2025. While the risk of dying from cancer has steadily declined over the last 30 years due largely to early cancer detection and advances in the treatment of cancer, those advances have not benefitted everyone equally. Inequities surrounding access to cancer prevention, detection, treatment and survival presents a disproportionate cancer burden for communities of color and rural, LGBTQ and economically insecure Pennsylvanians. The American Cancer Society estimates there will be more than 2 million new cases of cancer in the United States, with cancer incidence rates increasing for women under 50 years of age.

Pennsylvania's cancer incidence and mortality rates continue to outpace the national rates, with a predicted 90,240 Pennsylvanians to face a new cancer diagnosis in 2025 and an estimated 27,500 Pennsylvania residents to lose their fight against cancer this year. In the Commonwealth, the five most common new cases of cancer in 2025 will include breast cancer (13,650), prostate cancer (13,400), lung and bronchus cancer (10,250), colorectal cancer (6,500) and urinary bladder cancer (4,150).

The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network volunteers will gather at the Pennsylvania Capitol on May 13, 2025, for Cancer Action Day, in coalition with allied partners to advance legislative priorities that increase Pennsylvanians' access to quality health care and cancer prevention services.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 225 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY J.HARRIS, GALLAGHER, KHAN, DAVIDSON, GIRAL,
CONKLIN, McNEILL, HOWARD, ISAACSON, VENKAT, PROBST, WAXMAN,
PICKETT, MERSKI, DONAHUE, D. MILLER, BURGOS, SMITH-WADE-EL,
WARREN, SCHLOSSBERG, MAYES, SANCHEZ, PARKER, HILL-EVANS,
KAZEEM, BENNINGHOFF, JAMES, HOHENSTEIN, DOUGHERTY, NEILSON,
O'MARA AND BOROWSKI, MAY 2, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MAY 2, 2025

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing May 13, 2025, as "Cancer Action Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The risk of dying from cancer has steadily declined
4 over the last 30 years largely because of smoking cessation,
5 early cancer detection and advances in the treatment of cancer
6 and precision medicine; and

7 WHEREAS, Advances have not benefited everyone equally, and in
8 2025, the American Cancer Society estimates there will be more
9 than 2 million new cases of cancer in the United States, with
10 cancer incidence rates increasing for women under 50 years of
11 age; and

12 WHEREAS, Nearly 620,000 people will lose their lives to
13 cancer in 2025; and

14 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth's cancer incidence and mortality
15 rates continue to outpace the national rates, with a predicted
16 90,240 Pennsylvanians to face a new cancer diagnosis in 2025 and

1 an estimated 27,500 Commonwealth residents to lose their fight
2 against cancer this year; and

3 WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth, the five most common new cases
4 of cancer in 2025 will include breast cancer at 13,650, prostate
5 cancer at 13,400, lung and bronchus cancer at 10,250, colorectal
6 cancer at 6,500 and urinary bladder cancer at 4,150; and

7 WHEREAS, Many of these cancers are often preventable and
8 early detection and treatment are critical as cancer does not
9 always cause symptoms with many cancers occurring in people with
10 no family history; and

11 WHEREAS, All Pennsylvanians do not have equitable access to
12 cancer prevention, detection, treatment and survival which
13 results in a disproportionate cancer burden for communities of
14 color and rural, LGBTQ and economically insecure Pennsylvanians;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
17 volunteers will gather at the Pennsylvania Capitol on May 13,
18 2025, for Cancer Action Day, in coalition with allied partners
19 to advance legislative priorities that increase Pennsylvanians'
20 access to quality health care and cancer prevention services;
21 therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate May 13,
23 2025, as "Cancer Action Day" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives identify the
25 burden of cancer and urge the advancement of legislation in
26 support of cancer prevention, detection and treatment throughout
27 this Commonwealth; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor all
29 Pennsylvanians impacted by cancer and those who devote their
30 lives to fighting this disease.