



## HOUSE HEALTH COMMITTEE

### VOTING MEETING

Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

9:00am

G-50, Irvis Office Building  
Harrisburg, PA

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1. Call to Order

2. Attendance

3. **HR244 PN1802 (Burgos)**

Directs the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a performance audit of the Philadelphia Department of Public Health's Tobacco Policy and Control Program.

**HR287 PN2156 (Shusterman)**

Directs the Joint State Government Committee to study policies and information related to perimenopause and menopause.

**Amendment A01822 (Shusterman)**

Limits the study to existing and potential actions by Pennsylvania state agencies.

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

5. Adjournment

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

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<b>Bill No:</b>	HR0244 PN1802	<b>Prepared By:</b>	Dylan Lindberg (717) 705-1875,6240
<b>Committee:</b>	Health	<b>Executive Director:</b>	Erika Fricke
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Burgos, Danilo		
<b>Date:</b>	8/14/2025		

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### **A. Brief Concept**

Directs the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to review the Philadelphia Tobacco Policy and Control Program's investigations of tobacco outlets.

### **C. Analysis of the Bill**

House Resolution 244 directs the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a performance audit of the Philadelphia Department of Public Health's Tobacco Policy and Control Program.

The Resolution states:

- The Tobacco Policy and Control Program works to lower smoking rates and increase smoke-free areas in the city.
- The program enforces rules that limit smoking and who can buy tobacco products.
- In fiscal year 2024, Philadelphia received \$408,645 in state funding for the Tobacco Policy and Control Program through the Comprehensive Tobacco Control Program Grant.
- The Comprehensive Tobacco Control Program Grant aims to prevent tobacco-related health problems through prevention, quitting programs, public awareness, and other services.
- The Tobacco Policy and Control Program conducts investigations to ensure tobacco laws are enforced consistently.
- Some have raised concerns that these investigations are not being done consistently.
- The Legislative Budget and Finance Committee can review the program's performance because it is funded by a state grant.

The Resolution therefore requires the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to:

- to audit the Philadelphia Department of Public Health's Tobacco Policy and Control Program, focusing on investigations of tobacco outlets in the city.
- review the program's performance measures and goals; and
- report its findings to the House within 18 months of the resolution's adoption.

### **Effective Date:**

immediately

### **G. Relevant Existing Laws**

Act 195 of 1959 establishes the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee and has the power to study state expenditures.

Act 77 of 2001 created Pennsylvania's tobacco control program, requiring 70% of funds for local CDC-based programs and 30% for statewide initiatives such as the Quitline, youth prevention, evaluation, and media (with no more than half of that spent on media), and it mandates an annual Department of Health report on efforts to reduce tobacco use.

Act 112 of 2002 created new fines for clerks and owners of tobacco retail stores and prohibitions on selling to individuals under 18.

2019 Act 111 of 2019 prohibits the sale of any tobacco, nicotine or related item to anyone under 21 years of age.

The Clean Indoor Air Act of 2008 regulates tobacco smoking in certain public places.

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

HR 54 of 2023 was referred to the House Health Committee, where it received no further consideration.

HR 203 of 2021 was referred to the House Health Committee, where it received no further consideration.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 244 Session of  
2025

INTRODUCED BY BURGOS, HILL-EVANS, SANCHEZ AND CEPEDA-FREYTIZ,  
JUNE 2, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JUNE 2, 2025

## A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to  
2 conduct a performance audit of the Philadelphia Department of  
3 Public Health's Tobacco Policy and Control Program as it  
4 relates to the investigations of tobacco outlets in the city.

5 WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Department of Public Health  
6 established the Tobacco Policy and Control Program to address  
7 tobacco use and its health implications; and

8 WHEREAS, The goal of the Tobacco Policy and Control Program  
9 is to reduce smoking rates and expand smoke-free environments  
10 throughout the city; and

11 WHEREAS, The Tobacco Policy and Control Program enforces  
12 policies that restrict smoking and restrict those who can buy  
13 tobacco products; and

14 WHEREAS, For the City of Philadelphia's fiscal year 2024,  
15 \$408,645 of State funding was specifically allocated toward the  
16 Comprehensive Tobacco Control Program Grant designated for the  
17 Tobacco Policy and Control Program; and

18 WHEREAS, The purpose of the Comprehensive Tobacco Control  
19 Program Grant is to reduce health complications related to

1 tobacco use through prevention, cessation, community-based  
2 public awareness and other services and initiatives; and

3 WHEREAS, The Tobacco Policy and Control Program helps to  
4 conduct investigations to ensure that tobacco restrictions are  
5 systematically and uniformly enforced; and

6 WHEREAS, However, concerns have been expressed that the  
7 investigations are not being conducted in a systematic and  
8 uniform manner; and

9 WHEREAS, The Legislative Budget and Finance Committee has the  
10 authority to conduct a performance review of the Tobacco Policy  
11 and Control Program due to the program's funding through a State  
12 grant; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the  
14 Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a  
15 performance audit of the Philadelphia Department of Public  
16 Health's Tobacco Policy and Control Program as it relates to the  
17 investigations of tobacco outlets in the city; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the audit include a review of the performance  
19 measures and objectives of the Tobacco Policy and Control  
20 Program; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee  
22 report its findings and conclusions to the House of  
23 Representatives within 18 months of the adoption of this  
24 resolution.

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

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**Bill No:** HR0287 PN2156  
**Committee:** Health  
**Sponsor:** Shusterman, Melissa  
**Date:** 8/25/2025

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### **A. Brief Concept**

Requires the Joint State Government Committee to study perimenopause and menopause policies.

### **C. Analysis of the Bill**

House Resolution 287 directs the Joint State Government Committee to study policies regarding perimenopause and menopause.

Specifically, it requires the committee to review:

- menopause and perimenopause education and awareness policies in both public and private sector workplaces;
- workplace policies, such as reasonable accommodations, paid leave and other supports for employees experiencing perimenopause-related and menopause-related symptoms;
- Recommendations for how state agencies can support women during perimenopause and menopause;
- Recommendations for how the House of Representatives could help improve public awareness and support for women during perimenopause and menopause.

The Joint State Government must issue a report to the General Assembly within 18 months of the adoption of this legislation.

### **Effective Date:**

Immediately

### **G. Relevant Existing Laws**

None

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

None

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**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU**

## AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 287

Sponsor:

Printer's No. 2156

1 Amend Resolution, page 1, line 16, by striking out "In" and  
2 inserting

3 According to the National Center for Biotechnology  
4 Information, in

5 Amend Resolution, page 2, line 1, by striking out "The" and  
6 inserting

7 According to a Mayo Clinic study, the

8 Amend Resolution, page 2, lines 24 and 25, by striking out  
9 "on workplace policies related to perimenopause and menopause  
10 offered by public and private employers;" and inserting

11 regarding information readily available related to  
12 perimenopause and menopause;

13 Amend Resolution, page 2, lines 28 through 30; page 3, lines  
14 1 through 5; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and  
15 inserting

16 (1) Consultation with experts in perimenopause and  
17 menopause from various fields, including medicine and law.

18 (2) A review of workplace policies for Commonwealth  
19 employees related to supports for Commonwealth employees  
20 experiencing perimenopause-related and menopause-related  
21 symptoms.

22 Amend Resolution, page 3, line 6, by inserting after  
23 "actions"

24 and educational materials

25 Amend Resolution, page 3, line 7, by inserting after "Health"  
26 , the Department of Labor and Industry

27 Amend Resolution, page 3, line 8, by inserting after

1 "implement"  
2 or post on their publicly accessible Internet websites  
3 Amend Resolution, page 3, by inserting between lines 9 and 10  
4 (4) A review of laws, policies and educational materials  
5 provided by other states.  
6 Amend Resolution, page 3, line 10, by striking out "(4)" and  
7 inserting  
8 (5)



THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 287 Session of  
2025

INTRODUCED BY SHUSTERMAN, HILL-EVANS, PIELLI, OTTEN, SANCHEZ,  
HANBIDGE, GUENST, HOHENSTEIN, D. WILLIAMS AND CURRY,  
JULY 18, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JULY 21, 2025

## A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a  
2 study and issue a report on workplace policies related to  
3 perimenopause and menopause offered by public and private  
4 employers.

5 WHEREAS, Menopause is defined as the point at which a woman  
6 has not menstruated for a continuous period of 12 months, with  
7 the transitional period leading to menopause commonly referred  
8 to as perimenopause; and

9 WHEREAS, Perimenopause and menopause are frequently  
10 associated with symptoms that may include weight gain, joint and  
11 muscle pain, cognitive impairment often described as brain fog,  
12 increased risk of depression and anxiety, hot flashes, night  
13 sweats, sleep disturbances, changes in sexual function, bone  
14 loss, fluctuations in cholesterol levels and vaginal and urinary  
15 tract complications; and

16 WHEREAS, In the United States, approximately 1.3 million  
17 women enter menopause annually, with the average age of onset at  
18 51 years of age; and

1 WHEREAS, The symptoms associated with perimenopause and  
2 menopause may result in absenteeism, reduced workplace  
3 productivity and increased health care costs, with economic  
4 estimates indicating that lost productivity and medical expenses  
5 related to these symptoms total approximately \$26.6 billion per  
6 year nationwide; and

7 WHEREAS, Treatment options for perimenopausal and menopausal  
8 symptoms may include hormone replacement therapy, prescription  
9 medications and dietary or lifestyle modifications, yet many  
10 women remain unaware of the available interventions; and

11 WHEREAS, A study conducted by the American Association of  
12 Retired Persons found that only approximately 61% of women in  
13 the perimenopausal stage felt knowledgeable about menopause; and

14 WHEREAS, The same study indicated that more than half of the  
15 women surveyed believed there should be greater focus on  
16 menopause education and women's health generally; and

17 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives is committed to  
18 advancing the health and well-being of women in this  
19 Commonwealth and ensuring that accurate, accessible information  
20 concerning perimenopause and menopause is widely disseminated  
21 and promoted; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the Joint  
23 State Government Commission to conduct a study and issue a  
24 report on workplace policies related to perimenopause and  
25 menopause offered by public and private employers; and be it  
26 further

27 RESOLVED, That the study include the following components:

28 (1) An examination of existing perimenopause-related and  
29 menopause-related education and awareness policies in both  
30 public and private sector workplaces.

1           (2) A review of workplace policies related to  
2 perimenopause and menopause, including policies concerning  
3 reasonable accommodations, paid leave and other supports for  
4 employees experiencing perimenopause-related and menopause-  
5 related symptoms.

6           (3) Recommendations for actions that the Department of  
7 Human Services, the Department of Health or other appropriate  
8 State agencies may implement to support women during the  
9 perimenopausal and menopausal life stages.

10          (4) Legislative recommendations that the House of  
11 Representatives may consider to improve public understanding  
12 of and support for women experiencing perimenopause and  
13 menopause;

14 and be it further

15       RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission report  
16 its findings and recommendations to the House of Representatives  
17 no later than 18 months following the adoption of this  
18 resolution.