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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 71

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Directing the Joint Commission on Health Care to study placement options for individuals with brain injury, post-traumatic stress disorder, or dementia who experience aggression. Report.

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Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, many individuals affected by brain injuries, post-traumatic stress disorder, or dementia require specialized long-term treatment and care; and

WHEREAS, individuals affected by brain injuries, post-traumatic stress disorder, and dementia may be placed in assisted living facilities or other congregate care living arrangements; and

WHEREAS, in some cases, individuals affected by brain injury, post-traumatic stress disorder, or dementia experience increases in aggression and impulsivity, which makes placement in assisted living facilities or other congregate care living facilities undesirable or unsafe; and

WHEREAS, access to housing and treatment options for individuals affected by brain injuries, post-traumatic stress disorder, or dementia who experience aggression and impulsivity is often limited; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Joint Commission on Health Care be directed to study placement options for individuals with brain injury, post-traumatic stress disorder, or dementia who experience aggression.

In conducting its study, the Joint Commission on Health Care shall identify the various placement options for individuals with brain injury, post-traumatic stress disorder, or dementia who experience aggression; identify the barriers to placement for individuals with brain injury, post-traumatic stress disorder, or dementia who experience aggression; and make recommendations for improving access to safe, appropriate placements for individuals with brain injury, post-traumatic stress disorder, or dementia who experience aggression.

All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Joint Commission on Health Care for this study, upon request.

The Joint Commission on Health Care shall complete its meetings for the first year by November 30, 2016, and for the second year by November 30, 2017, and the chairman shall submit to the Division of Legislative Automated Systems an executive summary of its findings and recommendations no later than the first day of the next Regular Session of the General Assembly for each year. Each executive summary shall state whether the Joint Commission on Health Care intends to submit to the General Assembly and the Governor a report of its findings and recommendations for publication as a House or Senate document. The executive summaries and reports shall be submitted as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.

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