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SENATE RESOLUTION 7-SENATOR HUGHES

SYNOPSIS:

Directs the Joint State Government Commission to study the issue of student suicide in higher education and to establish an advisory committee.

SUMMARY:

Directs the Joint State Government Commission to establish an advisory committee of 25 members consisting of higher education officials, public officials and experts on the issue of student suicide in higher education. The advisory committee shall include the Presidents of Penn State, Temple, University of Pittsburgh and Lincoln or their designees, the Chancellor of the State System of Higher Education or his designee, two representatives of private institutions of higher education, a representative of community colleges, three students enrolled in higher education in Pennsylvania, the Secretaries of Health and Education, a representative from the Department of Human Services' division of mental health and 11 members of the public who are experts in the field of suicide and mental health.

Requires the Joint State Government Commission working with the advisory committee to conduct a study on student suicide in higher education and identify best practices to address the issue of student suicide and to develop recommendations best suited for institutions of higher education.

Requires the commission to issue a report to the Senate with its findings and recommendations no later than June 30, 2016.

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