



SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

Senate Bill 533 Printer's No. 574

Prime Sponsor: Schwank
Committee: Health and Human Services

SYNOPSIS:

Establishes the Emergency Addiction Treatment Program ("EATP") to provide addiction treatment in licensed long-term residential addiction treatment facilities for individuals who are unable to obtain timely or appropriate treatment.

SUMMARY:

Amends Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes by adding Chapter 83, Emergency Addiction Treatment.

Section 8310 of Title 35, Chapter 83 establishes the EATP in the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs ("DDAP") to provide addiction treatment in licensed long-term residential addiction treatment facilities for individuals who are unable to obtain timely or appropriate treatment.

In order to accomplish these goals, DDAP is required to:

1. Maintain a toll-free number for assistance
2. Provide assistance in accessing addiction treatment
3. Develop a database to identify problems and patterns in access
4. Educate and counsel families on prevention and treatment
5. Prepare an annual report to the General Assembly on the activities in 1 through 3 above, including recommendations for improving access to addiction treatment

DDAP shall develop guidelines for the implementation of the EATP and to govern the eligible use of funds by counties and other entities.

Effective Date: 60 days

BILL HISTORY:

Referred to HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, March 24, 2017

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