

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

Rep. Wozniak offered the following concurrent resolution:

1 A concurrent resolution to urge the Governor of Michigan to
2 issue an executive directive that would require administrating
3 agencies to assess if the implementation of their programs reduce
4 Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and provide an annual report
5 and data to the Legislature and general public about progress in
6 reducing ACEs in Michigan.

7 Whereas, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are potentially
8 traumatic events occurring before age 18. ACEs are widely
9 recognized as dominant factors in the current and future well-being
10 of children due to their harmful effects. ACEs can include
11 physical, emotional, and sexual abuse; physical and emotional
12 neglect; and various other events leading to instability within the
13 household; and

14 Whereas, The relationship between ACEs and future health

1 issues and conditions has an evidence-based foundation starting
2 with the groundbreaking ACE study conducted collaboratively between
3 the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and
4 Kaiser Permanente in the 1990s. This study found a correlation
5 between the number of ACEs and an individual's risk for negative
6 health and well-being outcomes. The growing body of evidence on the
7 science of human development incorporates research findings on ACEs
8 and the long-term neurobiological, biomedical, and epigenetic
9 consequences of toxic stress; and

10 Whereas, In 2019, a state survey estimated that 4.4 million
11 Michigan adults, 68 percent of the adult population, had at least
12 one ACE during their childhood. As many as 20 percent of all
13 Michigan adults had four or more ACEs. Those who had a greater
14 number of ACEs were more likely to experience and be diagnosed with
15 chronic diseases, such as depression. Forty-one percent of Michigan
16 adults with four or more ACEs reported being diagnosed with
17 depression and all Michigan adults with one or more ACEs reported
18 higher health risks than those with no ACEs; and

19 Whereas, ACEs are strongly associated with long-term mental
20 health outcomes, including increased risk for depression, anxiety,
21 substance use disorders, and suicidal ideation. The impact of ACEs
22 on brain development and emotional regulation can persist into
23 adulthood, straining mental health systems and communities alike;
24 and

25 Whereas, The relationship between ACEs and the current
26 prevalence of chronic disease, addictive behaviors, and related
27 conditions must be recognized as a public health crisis.
28 Nationwide, these conditions and illnesses cost billions of dollars
29 in resources and reduce lifetime expectancy. Negative health

1 outcomes resulting from childhood trauma have the potential to be
2 stopped for future generations if preventative actions are taken
3 now; now, therefore, be it

4 Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate
5 concurring), That we urge the Governor of Michigan to issue an
6 executive directive that would require administrating agencies to
7 assess if the implementation of their programs reduce ACEs and
8 provide an annual report and data to the Legislature and general
9 public about progress in reducing ACEs in Michigan; and be it
10 further

11 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
12 Governor of the state of Michigan and the Director of the Michigan
13 Department of Health and Human Services.