



# HOUSE BILL 340: Advisory Council on PANS & PANDAS.

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 340 would establish the Advisory Council on Pediatric Acute-Onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANS) and Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorder Associated with Streptococcal Infections (PANDAS).*

## **BILL ANALYSIS:**

*Establishes Advisory Council.* Establishes the Advisory Council on PANS and PANDAS within the Department to advise the Governor, Secretary, and General Assembly on research, diagnosis, treatment and education.

*Appoints Members to Advisory Council.* Appoints representatives from the following: a nonprofit PANS advocacy group, a professional organization for school psychologists, an organization focused on autism, the Department of Health and Human Services, the State Board of Education, the House of Representatives and the Senate. Also appoints an osteopathic professional, an immunologist, a neurologist, a pediatrician, a child psychiatrist, a nutrition expert, and a parent of a child diagnosed with PANS. The chairs of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services (JLOCHHS), or their designees, would serve on the Advisory Council.

*Sets Term Limits, Compensation and Meetings.* Sets three-year terms for members and no member may serve more than two consecutive terms. Members shall receive per diem and necessary travel and subsistence expenses, and the Advisory Council's first meeting must be no later than October 1, 2021.

*Creates Powers and Duties of Advisory Council.* Directs the Advisory Council to advise on coordinating statewide efforts for the study of PANS and PANDAS.

*Requires Report.* Requires the Advisory Council to file a report on PANS and PANDAS to the Secretary, the Governor, and the JLOCHHS by January 15, 2022 (and annually thereafter) on the following: Advisory Council activities, findings, and recommendations; practice guidelines for diagnosis and treatment; mechanisms to increase awareness and education among physicians; outreach to educators and parents; and development of a volunteer expert network.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act would become effective July 1, 2021.

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