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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS BOTH SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL  
EFFECTS OF PROPOSED MANDATED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR  
THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF AUTISM AND FOR APPLIED  
BEHAVIORAL ANALYSIS SERVICES.

1           WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder (autism) is a lifelong  
2 neurodevelopmental condition that can affect individuals in  
3 varying ways across their lifespan; and  
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5           WHEREAS, existing law limits health insurance coverage for  
6 applied behavioral analysis and other therapies for the  
7 diagnosis and treatment of autism to individuals under fourteen  
8 years of age; and  
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10           WHEREAS, this age limitation denies necessary care to many  
11 adolescents and adults who would continue to benefit from  
12 therapeutic support for autism; and  
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14           WHEREAS, the current annual cap of \$25,000 on health  
15 insurance coverage for applied behavioral analysis creates an  
16 additional barrier to accessing adequate and continuous  
17 treatment for autism, as this amount is often insufficient to  
18 cover the full cost of applied behavioral analysis services for  
19 many individuals; and  
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21           WHEREAS, removing these limitations will ensure equitable  
22 access to medically necessary treatment and improve long-term  
23 health outcomes for individuals with autism in the State; and  
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25           WHEREAS, S.B. No. 2204, Regular Session of 2026, proposes  
26 to repeal the fourteen years and under age limit for health  
27 insurance coverage requirements for the diagnosis and treatment  
28 of autism and the maximum benefit coverage limit of \$25,000 for  
29 applied behavioral analysis services; and  
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