

Rep. Vaupel offered the following concurrent resolution:

House Concurrent Resolution No. 2.

A concurrent resolution to declare Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) a critical health issue, commit the Legislature to action, and encourage the Governor to direct agencies to assess and report progress on reducing ACEs.

Whereas, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are now widely recognized as a dominant factor in the current and future well-being of children due to the harmful effects of toxic stress related to abuse (including physical, emotional, and sexual abuse), neglect (including physical and emotional neglect), and various family dysfunctions; and

Whereas, The relationship between ACEs and future health issues and conditions has an evidence-based foundation starting with the groundbreaking ACE study conducted collaboratively between the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Kaiser Permanente. This study has been cited more than 17,000 times in peer-reviewed scientific research articles; and

Whereas, The growing body of evidence on the science of human development incorporates research findings on ACEs and the long-term neurobiological, biomedical, and epigenetic consequences of toxic stress; and

Whereas, National and state surveys indicate that as many as 70 percent of Michigan adults had at least one ACE during their childhood and as much as 20 percent of Michigan's adult population had four or more ACEs; and

Whereas, The relationship between ACEs and the current prevalence of chronic disease, addictive behaviors, and related conditions is now recognized by many as a major public health crisis. Nationwide, these conditions and illnesses cost billions of dollars in resources and reduce lifetime expectancy, and they all have their roots in childhood trauma; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That we declare that ACEs constitute a critical health issue in Michigan and commit to an ongoing strategy to significantly reduce ACEs in Michigan through legislative leadership, legislative acts, appropriations, reporting, and oversight; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage the Governor to issue an executive directive that would require administrating agencies to assess if the implementation of their programs reduces ACEs and provide an annual state report and data to the Legislature and general public about progress in reducing ACEs in Michigan; and be it further

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