

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY EVANS, BARBER, JOSEPHS, O'DONNELL AND TRUMAN,  
APRIL 9, 1985

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, APRIL 9, 1985

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An  
2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public  
3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," further providing for  
4 technical assistance to family day care home providers; and  
5 making an appropriation.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 1077 of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31,  
9 No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, added December 5, 1980  
10 (P.L.1112, No.193), is amended to read:

11 Section 1077. Technical Assistance.--(a) The department may  
12 offer and provide upon request technical assistance to  
13 caregivers to assist them in complying with department  
14 regulations.

15 (b) The department shall subcontract with public or private  
16 nonprofit agencies, partnerships, associations and corporations  
17 in each of the five regions of this Commonwealth for day care  
18 information and referral services. The subcontractors shall:

19 (1) Provide information on quality care, including

standards, type of program, cost, location and availability.

(2) Link parents with services and follow through to insure they have received appropriate services.

(3) Provide advocacy and troubleshooting.

(4) Provide parents with a system for giving consumer feedback.

(5) Keep data on the consumers and parents served to augment overall data collection efforts to pinpoint need and patterns of problems.

(6) Publicize the needs of parents to others in the day care community.

(7) Reach out to share information with pediatricians, religious institutions, teachers, caseworkers and community agencies.

(8) Develop and implement a public education and media campaign to educate parents to look for licensed caregivers and licensed facilities and to shop for quality day care.

Section 2. The sum of \$750,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Department of Public Welfare for the fiscal year July 1, 1985, to June 30, 1986, for the purpose of subcontracting for day care information and referral services.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1985, or immediately, whichever is later.