

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2199 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY COHEN, BURNS, STEWART, FREEMAN, PISTELLA, HARPER,
DeLUCA, COWELL, RICHARDSON, DEAL, LINTON, FATTAH, WIGGINS,
CARN, MILLER, OLIVER, DeWEESE, BELFANTI AND R. C. WRIGHT,
MAY 29, 1984

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS, MAY 29, 1984

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of October 27, 1955 (P.L.744, No.222),
2 entitled, as amended, "An act prohibiting certain practices
3 of discrimination because of race, color, religious creed,
4 ancestry, age or national origin by employers, employment
5 agencies, labor organizations and others as herein defined;
6 creating the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission in the
7 Department of Labor and Industry; defining its functions,
8 powers and duties; providing for procedure and enforcement;
9 providing for formulation of an educational program to
10 prevent prejudice; providing for judicial review and
11 enforcement and imposing penalties," further providing for
12 educational programs.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. Section 8 of the act of October 27, 1955
16 (P.L.744, No.222), known as the Pennsylvania Human Relations
17 Act, is amended to read:

18 Section 8. Educational [Program] Programs.--

19 (a) In order to eliminate prejudice among the various
20 racial, religious and nationality groups in this Commonwealth
21 and to eliminate prejudice based on gender, age and handicap and
22 to further good will among such groups, the Commission, in

1 cooperation with the Department of [Public Instruction]
2 Education, is authorized to prepare a comprehensive educational
3 program, designed for the students of the schools in this
4 Commonwealth and for all other residents thereof, in order to
5 eliminate prejudice against such groups.

6 (b) In order to eliminate prejudice against the various
7 racial, religious and nationality groups in this Commonwealth
8 and to eliminate prejudice based on gender, age and handicap and
9 to further good will among such groups, and to foster better
10 relations in the workplace, the commission in cooperation with
11 the Department of Labor and Industry and with representatives of
12 business and labor, and in consultation with other appropriate
13 agencies of the Commonwealth, is authorized to prepare an
14 educational program designed for the employes and employers in
15 this Commonwealth.

16 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.