

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 255 Session of
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GERLACH AND SERAFINI, FEBRUARY 5, 1991

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGING AND YOUTH, FEBRUARY 5, 1991

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 the
4 inspection of child day-care centers.

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

7 Section 1. Section 1016 of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31,
8 No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, amended July 15, 1976
9 (P.L.993, No.202), is amended to read:

10 Section 1016. Right to Enter and Inspect.--(a) For the
11 purpose of determining the suitability of the applicants and of
12 the premises or whether or not any premises in fact qualifies as
13 a facility as defined in section 1001 of this act or the
14 continuing conformity of the licensees to this act and to the
15 applicable regulations of the department, any authorized agent
16 of the department shall have the right to enter, visit and
17 inspect any facility licensed or requiring a license under this

1 act and shall have full and free access to the records of the
2 facility and to the individuals therein and full opportunity to
3 interview, inspect or examine such individuals.

4 (b) An authorized agent of the department shall also confer
5 with the operators of facilities regarding the minimum standards
6 of the department, encourage the adoption of higher standards
7 and recommend methods of improving care and services.

8 (c) The department shall conduct at least two unannounced
9 inspections of every child day-care center each calendar year.

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