

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, JANUARY 27, 1993

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 15, 1988 (P.L.1235, No.151),  
2 entitled "An act providing for the establishment of the  
3 Children's Trust Fund, for a governing board and for the  
4 powers and duties of the board; and prescribing the powers  
5 and duties of certain State agencies," further providing for  
6 the powers of the board.

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

9 Section 1. Section 5 of the act of December 15, 1988  
10 (P.L.1235, No.151), known as the Children's Trust Fund Act, is  
11 amended to read:

12 Section 5. Powers and duties of board.

13 The board has the following powers and duties:

14 (1) Develop, within one year of its establishment and  
15 biennially thereafter, a State plan for the availability and  
16 coordination of programs and for the distribution of funds  
17 from the trust fund. In developing the plan, the board shall  
18 review existing programs and shall assure that an equal  
19 opportunity exists for the establishment of programs and the  
20 receipt of trust fund money among all geographic areas in

1 this Commonwealth and shall encourage the development of new  
2 and innovative programs. The board shall notify the Governor  
3 and the General Assembly that the plan is available.

4 (2) Provide for the coordination and exchange of  
5 information on the establishment and maintenance of programs.

6 (3) Promulgate regulations providing for the criteria  
7 for the granting of trust fund money to eligible programs and  
8 provide for publicizing such criteria.

9 (4) Publicize programs in order to solicit funding from  
10 private sources.

11 (5) Administer and award trust fund money and monitor  
12 the expenditure of trust fund money by eligible programs.  
13 Funds shall be awarded to programs deemed eligible by the  
14 board if the organization or agency sponsoring the program  
15 meets the following criteria:

16 (i) The organization or agency demonstrates the  
17 ability to match, through money or in-kind services,  
18 trust fund money received. In-kind services may not  
19 exceed 50% of the required match. In the first year the  
20 organization receives trust fund money, it must be able  
21 to match at least 25%; in the second year and every year  
22 thereafter, it must be able to match 50%. The money match  
23 may be derived from either private or local government  
24 sources.

25 (ii) The organization or agency demonstrates the  
26 willingness and ability to provide program models and  
27 consultation to other organizations and the community  
28 regarding program development and maintenance.

29 (iii) The organization or agency demonstrates that  
30 it has consulted with the county children and youth

1 agency. County children and youth agencies may directly  
2 apply for funds under this act.

3 (6) Prepare an annual report for the Governor and the  
4 General Assembly, including recommendations for legislative  
5 action and regulatory change when needed and appropriate.

6 (7) Accept Federal funds, directly or through a  
7 nonprofit corporation formed by the board, granted by  
8 Congress, as well as gifts and donations from individuals,  
9 private organizations or foundations. Funds received shall be  
10 transmitted to the State Treasurer for deposit in the trust  
11 fund. Federal funds accepted under this paragraph may not be  
12 used to provide a match for other Federal funds.

13 (8) Provide for the formation of a nonprofit  
14 corporation, the purposes of which shall be to make  
15 application for, receive and manage Federal funds, and to  
16 otherwise serve as the financial intermediary between the  
17 board and the Federal Government and contracted entities.

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