

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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FEBRUARY 10, 1998

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 10, 1998

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 24, 1937 (P.L.2017, No.396), entitled
2 "An act creating in each county (except of the first class)
3 as a separate corporation, and in each city of the first and
4 second class as a part of the city government, an institution
5 district for the care and maintenance of certain indigent
6 persons and children; prescribing the powers and duties of
7 county commissioners, county treasurers, city departments of
8 public welfare, the State Department of Welfare and the State
9 Department of Public Assistance in respect thereto;
10 abolishing certain poor districts and terminating the terms
11 of directors, overseers, guardians and managers of the poor
12 and poor district auditors, and providing for the temporary
13 employment of certain of them; providing for the transfer,
14 vesting, sale and disposition of the property of poor
15 districts and the payment of their obligations; imposing
16 certain existing obligations on institution districts and on
17 the Commonwealth; regulating the affairs of poor districts
18 until abolished; revising, amending, changing and
19 consolidating the law relating to the care of the poor; and
20 repealing existing laws," further providing for burial of
21 dependents and other persons.

22 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
23 hereby enacts as follows:

24 Section 1. Section 403 of the act of June 24, 1937
25 (P.L.2017, No.396), known as the County Institution District
26 Law, amended December 22, 1965 (P.L.1162, No.455), is amended to

1 read:

2 Section 403. Provision for Burial or Cremation of Dependents
3 and Other Persons.--Except as otherwise provided by law, the
4 local authorities of any institution district shall provide for
5 the burial or cremation of any person who dies in the county or
6 city, unless his body is claimed by a relative by blood or
7 marriage, or by a friend, or by his fraternal or veterans'
8 organization, or by a charitable organization or by the
9 Anatomical Board of the State of Pennsylvania, and is buried at
10 the expense of such relative, friend or organization. [No such
11 burial shall cost more than three hundred dollars.] Upon receipt
12 from the funeral director or other person conducting the burial
13 or cremation of an itemized statement of the costs incurred in
14 connection with the burial or cremation, the county or city
15 shall contribute the sum of twelve hundred dollars toward such
16 costs. The funeral director or other person conducting the
17 burial or cremation shall notify the county or city promptly of
18 any resources of which the director or person knows or learns
19 which resources, to the extent they are collected by the
20 director or person, shall effect a reduction in the amount which
21 the county or city shall pay toward the burial or cremation.

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