

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY REICHLEY, CREIGHTON, DALEY, FLECK, GEIST,
GILLESPIE, KILLION, MICOZZIE, MOUL, M. O'BRIEN, CULVER AND
YOUNGBLOOD, NOVEMBER 18, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, NOVEMBER 18, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in child protective services, further
3 providing for education and training.

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

6 Section 1. Section 6383(b) of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph to read:
8 § 6383. Education and training.

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10 (b) Duties of Department of State.--

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12 (3) (i) Each licensing board with jurisdiction over
13 professional licensees identified as mandated reporters
14 under this chapter shall require all persons applying for
15 the renewal of a license or certification issued by the
16 licensing board to submit documentation acceptable to the
17 licensing board of the completion of at least two hours
18 of approved continuing education, per licensure cycle,

1 regarding the identification and reporting of child abuse
2 obtained either from a provider approved by the licensing
3 board or by a preapproved provider outlined in
4 regulation.

5 (ii) Each licensing board with jurisdiction over
6 professional licensees identified as mandated reporters
7 under this chapter may exempt an applicant or licensee
8 from the training requirement of this paragraph upon
9 receipt of a written application for an exemption
10 establishing that there is no need to complete the
11 training because the nature of the applicant's or
12 licensee's practice excludes contact with children. It is
13 the professional responsibility of the licensee who holds
14 an exemption to notify the applicable licensing board in
15 writing, within 30 days, when the nature of the practice
16 changes to the extent that the basis for the exemption
17 ceases to exist. The respective licensing boards shall
18 promulgate regulations within 18 months of the effective
19 date of this paragraph to meet these requirements.

20 Section 2. The addition of 23 Pa.C.S. § 6383(b)(3) applies
21 to persons applying for the renewal of a license or
22 certification on or after January 1, 2014.

23 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.