
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 432 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY GINGRICH, FEBRUARY 4, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, FEBRUARY 4, 2013

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," in departmental powers and
4 duties as to licensing, further providing for definitions;
5 and providing for child abuse recognition and reporting
6 training.

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

9 Section 1. Section 1001 of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31,
10 No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, is amended by adding
11 definitions to read:

12 Section 1001. Definitions.--As used in this article--
13 "Abuse" means conduct that falls under the purview and
14 reporting requirements of 23 Pa.C.S. Ch. 63 (relating to child
15 protective services) and is directed toward or against a child
16 under eighteen years of age.

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18 "Direct contact with children" means the possibility of care,
19 supervision, guidance or control of children or routine
20 interaction with children.

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2 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

3 Section 1022. Child Abuse Recognition and Reporting
4 Training.--Within one hundred eighty days of the effective date
5 of this section, the department shall adopt regulations to
6 require that operators of child day care centers and employes
7 who have direct contact with children receive child abuse
8 recognition and reporting training. The following shall apply:

9 (1) Operators shall receive three hours of training prior to
10 the issuance of a license and three hours of training every five
11 years thereafter.

12 (2) Employes who have direct contact with children shall
13 receive three hours of training within ninety days of the date
14 of hire and three hours of training every five years thereafter.

15 (3) Training programs shall be approved by the department,
16 and shall address, but not be limited to:

17 (i) Recognition of the signs of abuse and reporting
18 requirements for suspected abuse in this Commonwealth.

19 (ii) The child day care center's policies related to
20 reporting of suspected abuse.

21 Section 3. Section 1070 of the act is amended by adding
22 definitions to read:

23 Section 1070. Definitions.--As used in this article.--

24 "Abuse" means conduct that falls under the purview and
25 reporting requirements of 23 Pa.C.S. Ch. 63 (relating to child
26 protective services) and is directed toward or against a child
27 under eighteen years of age.

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29 "Direct contact with children" means the possibility of care,
30 supervision, guidance or control of children or routine

1 interaction with children.

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3 Section 4. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

4 Section 1076.1. Child Abuse Recognition and Reporting

5 Training.--Within one hundred eighty days of the effective date

6 of this section, the department shall adopt regulations to

7 require that operators of family day care homes and employes who

8 have direct contact with children receive child abuse

9 recognition and reporting training. The following shall apply:

10 (1) Operators shall receive three hours of training prior to

11 the issuance of a registration certificate and three hours of

12 training every five years thereafter.

13 (2) Employes who have direct contact with children shall

14 receive three hours of training within ninety days of the date

15 of hire and three hours of training every five years thereafter.

16 (3) Training programs shall be approved by the department,

17 and shall address, but not be limited to, the recognition of the

18 signs of abuse and reporting requirements for suspected abuse in

19 this Commonwealth.

20 Section 5. This act shall take effect in 60 days.