

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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 NELSON, EVERETT AND KLUNK, JULY 11, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JULY 11, 2017

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 general powers and
 4 duties, providing for work requirements for the Supplemental
 5 Nutrition Assistance Program.

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

8 Section 1. The act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known
 9 as the Human Services Code, is amended by adding a section to
 10 read:

11 Section 216. Work Requirements for the Supplemental
 12 Nutrition Assistance Program.--(a) The department may not apply
 13 for, accept or renew a waiver of requirements established under
 14 section 5 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (Public Law 88-
 15 525, 7 U.S.C. § 2015(o)) without prior approval of the General
 16 Assembly.

17 (b) To the extent permitted by Federal law, as a condition
 18 of participation and continuing eligibility for food assistance,

1 an adult recipient shall comply with and submit proof of
2 compliance with at least one of the following:

3 (1) The recipient has been employed for an average of at
4 least twenty hours per week.

5 (2) The recipient engaged in at least twenty-four hours of
6 community service per month.

7 (3) The recipient participates in a work program for at
8 least twenty hours per week.

9 (4) The recipient is enrolled as a full-time student in an
10 institution of higher education.

11 (c) Subsection (b) shall not apply to:

12 (1) An adult recipient who is a single parent with custody
13 of a child under the age of twelve.

14 (2) An adult recipient who is determined to not be an able-
15 bodied person capable of compliance with subsection (b), as
16 determined by the secretary.

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