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AN ACT

1 Establishing the Adolescent Pregnancy Services Board within the
2 Department of Health and providing for its powers and duties.

3 The General Assembly finds that the high number of adolescent
4 pregnancies and their resultant consequences is a tragic and
5 undesirable societal problem. The General Assembly finds that a
6 multifaceted approach to reducing adolescent pregnancy and
7 providing for necessary services to pregnant adolescents and
8 their families is necessary. The General Assembly further finds
9 that adolescents should be encouraged to take responsibility for
10 the consequences of their actions. It is clear that, among
11 adolescents, the burden of pregnancy is presently borne by the
12 adolescent mother and publicly supported programs and that ways
13 must be found for adolescent fathers, as well as the parents of
14 adolescents, to share in this responsibility.

15 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
16 hereby enacts as follows:

17 Section 1. Short title.

1 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Adolescent
2 Pregnancy Services Law.

3 Section 2. Definitions.

4 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
5 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
6 context clearly indicates otherwise:

7 "Board." The Adolescent Pregnancy Services Board.

8 "Department." The Department of Health of the Commonwealth.

9 Section 3. Board.

10 There is hereby established the Adolescent Pregnancy Services
11 Board within the department.

12 Section 4. Composition.

13 The board shall consist of 13 voting members. The Secretary
14 of Health, the Secretary of Welfare, the Secretary of Education
15 and the Secretary of Labor and Industry, or their designees,
16 shall serve as voting members. The Governor shall appoint the
17 remaining nine members, who shall represent religious
18 organizations, voluntary service organizations concerned about
19 women's issues and teenage pregnancy, family planning service
20 providers, women's health organizations and Planned Parenthood.

21 Section 5. Expenses.

22 Board members shall not be entitled to compensation but shall
23 be reimbursed for all necessary expenses incurred in carrying
24 out their duties, in accordance with the rules of the Executive
25 Board.

26 Section 6. Plan.

27 The board shall develop a plan and make recommendations to
28 the General Assembly which will reduce the incidence and adverse
29 consequences of adolescent pregnancy and develop a service plan
30 for pregnant adolescents and adolescent parents. The plan shall

1 address health care, education, counseling and vocational
2 training and the appropriate roles and responsibility of public
3 and private services. The plan shall be submitted to the General
4 Assembly by December 31, 1987.

5 Section 7. Expiration of act.

6 This act shall expire June 30, 1988, unless extended by the
7 General Assembly.

8 Section 8. Effective date.

9 This act shall take effect immediately.