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AN ACT

1 Authorizing the Department of the Auditor General to utilize  
2 Commonwealth property for a pilot day-care program for the  
3 children of its employees.

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

6 Section 1. Findings and declarations.

7 (a) Legislative findings.--The General Assembly finds that  
8 there is an ever increasing number of single parents and other  
9 persons employed by or in this Commonwealth who require day care  
10 for their children during working hours, that recently  
11 publicized scandals concerning the treatment of children in  
12 private day-care centers have caused justifiable concern among  
13 such employees and discouraged similarly situated persons from  
14 seeking employment which would separate them from their children  
15 and that the anxiety caused thereby to current and potential

1 employees of the Commonwealth and other employers impairs their  
2 working efficiency and constitutes a threat to the productivity  
3 and availability of qualified employees in both the public and  
4 private sectors of this Commonwealth.

5 (b) Auditor General's findings.--The Auditor General, having  
6 conducted a survey of the employees of his department  
7 headquartered in Harrisburg, has determined and represented to  
8 the General Assembly that there exists a need and desire for a  
9 child day-care program within his department.

10 (c) Declarations.--The General Assembly hereby declares it  
11 to be the public policy of this Commonwealth to insure the peace  
12 of mind and continued productivity of persons employed by or  
13 within this Commonwealth, by establishing a pilot program to  
14 determine and demonstrate the practicality of providing child  
15 day-care services to employees at their workplace in the  
16 department.

## 17 Section 2. Definitions.

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

21 "Child day care." Care in lieu of parental care given for  
22 part of the 24-hour day to children under 16 years of age away  
23 from their own homes.

24 "Department." The Department of the Auditor General of the  
25 Commonwealth.

26 "Pilot child day-care program." A program to provide child  
27 day care for the children of employees of the department  
28 established pursuant to this act.

## 29 Section 3. Pilot program.

30 The department is hereby authorized and empowered to make

1 available and utilize Commonwealth property, within the Capitol  
2 offices of the department, to provide for the operation of a  
3 pilot child day-care program, subject to applicable regulations  
4 promulgated by the Department of Public Welfare pursuant to its  
5 authority under Articles IX and X of the act of June 13, 1967  
6 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code.

7 Section 4. Funding.

8 Other than for the use of Commonwealth property all costs and  
9 expenses of the maintenance and operation of any pilot child day  
10 care program established pursuant to this act shall be borne by  
11 all the employees utilizing the program and its services.

12 Section 5. Regulation and evaluation.

13 (a) Regulation.--Except as inconsistent with applicable  
14 regulations of the Department of Public Welfare, the department  
15 shall establish, in the manner prescribed by law, the  
16 regulations necessary to carry out this act, including, but not  
17 limited to, the hours of operation, services to be provided,  
18 conditions for admission, visitation and inspection.

19 (b) Evaluation.--The department shall prepare an annual  
20 evaluation report of the pilot child day care program and  
21 solicit the comments of its employees utilizing the program in  
22 preparation of the report. The report shall include an  
23 evaluation of the effectiveness, cost and extent of utilization  
24 of the program, and shall be made to the Governor, to the House  
25 of Representatives and to the Senate.

26 Section 6. Nonseverability.

27 The provisions of this act are nonseverable. If any provision  
28 of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is  
29 held invalid, the remaining provisions or applications of this  
30 act are void.

1 Section 7. Effective date.

2 This act shall take effect in 30 days.