

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY RUDY, WOZNIAK, DeWEESE, YEWCIC, HERMAN, SURRA,
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BATTISTO AND BELARDI, APRIL 27, 1993

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGING AND YOUTH, APRIL 27, 1993

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing that the clerk of
3 the court of common pleas shall add the Department of Public
4 Welfare as a party to support proceedings at its request.

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

7 Section 1. Section 4306 of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 4306. Duties of district attorney and rights of Department of
10 Public Welfare.

11 (a) General rule.--The district attorney shall at all times
12 aid in the enforcement of the duty of support and shall
13 cooperate with the domestic relations section in the
14 presentation of complaints or in any proceeding designed to
15 obtain compliance with any order of the court.

16 (b) Representation of complainant.--The district attorney,
17 upon the request of the court or a Commonwealth or local public

1 welfare official, shall represent any complainant in any
2 proceeding under this subchapter.

3 (c) Joinder of Department of Public Welfare.--Whenever the
4 record in any support action or proceeding indicates that the
5 persons for whom support is sought have received public
6 assistance from the Department of Public Welfare at any time
7 since the initiation of the matter, the department may become a
8 party to the action or proceeding by filing an entry of
9 appearance. This entry of appearance may be entered without
10 leave of court at any time and at any stage of the action or
11 proceeding.

12 Section 2. This act shall apply to all pending actions or
13 proceedings.

14 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.