

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, MARCH 8, 1999

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," further providing for
4 eligibility for RESET program.

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

7 Section 1. The definition of "work-related activity" in
8 section 402 of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known
9 as the Public Welfare Code, amended May 16, 1996 (P.L.175,
10 No.35), is amended to read:

11 Section 402. Definitions.--As used in this article, unless
12 the content clearly indicates otherwise:

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14 "Work-related activity" means participation in any one or a
15 combination of the following education or training activities:

16 (i) subsidized employment;

17 (ii) work experience;

1 (iii) on-the-job training;

2 (iv) community service;

3 (v) workfare;

4 (vi) job search, whether independent or assisted, and job

5 readiness/preparation activities;

6 (vii) vocational education training or job skills training;

7 (viii) any employment and training program funded or

8 approved by the department that provides one-stop access to

9 intensive case management, training, education, job readiness

10 training, job search and individual job development that leads

11 to job placement;

12 (ix) any employment and training program funded or approved

13 by the department that provides activities for a cash assistance

14 applicant or recipient to achieve rapid attachment to the work

15 force;

16 (x) in the case of a recipient eighteen years of age or

17 older and less than twenty-two years of age, general education

18 that is necessary for the recipient to obtain employment, a high

19 school diploma or a certificate of high school equivalency,

20 subject to the recipient maintaining satisfactory progress as

21 defined by the school or educational program; and

22 (xi) additional activities as specified by the department in

23 regulations.

24 (xii) Enrollment in and attendance either full time or part

25 time at any of the following:

26 (A) A postsecondary educational degree or certificate

27 program.

28 (B) Work-study or community service through Americorps.

29 (C) Any other college or university program or internship,

30 paid or unpaid.

1 Section 2. Section 405.1(a.2) of the act is amended by
2 adding a clause to read:

3 Section 405.1. Establishment of RESET.--* * *

4 (a.2) In accordance with RESET, the following requirements
5 shall apply:

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7 (6.1) A recipient who is a postsecondary student enrolled
8 either full time or part time in a degree or certificate program
9 may apply weekly class credit hours toward the weekly work
10 requirement under this program. The department may promulgate
11 regulations to implement this clause.

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13 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.