

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1907 Session of
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BRADFORD AND SAMUELSON, AUGUST 6, 2009

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, NOVEMBER 9, 2009

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for disposition of agency
3 records upon closure.

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

6 Section 1. Title 23 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 2911. Disposition of agency records upon closure.

9 As soon as practicable, but no less than 30 days prior to the
10 date on which an agency will cease to operate as a legal entity
11 in this Commonwealth, the agency shall, unless it has applied to
12 operate as a new legal entity, notify the Department of Public
13 Welfare of its intention to cease operating. Within this time
14 period, the agency shall submit a plan to the department
15 relating to the closure and transfer of case records to another
16 agency. The plan shall be subject to approval by the department.

1 In preparation for closure and transfer of case records, the
2 agency shall label its case records to identify the court that
3 finalized an adoption or the court where a petition to terminate
4 parental rights or to adopt has been filed. ~~The~~ WITHIN 30 DAYS ←
5 FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF A PLAN, THE department shall notify each
6 court identified by the agency of the name, address and
7 telephone number of the agency THAT HAS CEASED TO OPERATE AND ←
8 THE AGENCY to which case records have been transferred.

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 180 days.