

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, APRIL 16, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in child protective services, further
3 providing for education and training.

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

6 Section 1. Section 6383(b) of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph <--

8 PARAGRAPHS to read: <--

9 § 6383. Education and training.

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11 (b) Duties of Department of State.--

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13 (3) Each licensing board with jurisdiction over
14 professional licensees identified as mandated reporters under
15 this chapter shall:

16 (i) Require all persons applying for a license or

1 certification issued by the licensing board to submit
2 documentation acceptable to the licensing board of the
3 completion of at least three hours of approved child
4 abuse recognition and reporting training. Training shall
5 address, but shall not be limited to, recognition of the
6 signs of child abuse and the reporting requirements for
7 suspected child abuse in this Commonwealth. Training
8 shall be approved by the Department of Public Welfare.

9 (ii) Require all persons applying for the renewal of
10 a license or certification issued by the licensing board
11 to submit documentation acceptable to the licensing board
12 of the completion of at least two hours of approved
13 continuing education per licensure cycle. Continuing
14 education shall address, but shall not be limited to,
15 recognition of the signs of child abuse and the reporting
16 requirements for suspected child abuse in this
17 Commonwealth. Continuing education ~~curriculum~~ CURRICULA <--
18 shall be approved by the Department of Public Welfare.
19 The two hours of continuing education on child abuse
20 recognition and reporting shall be completed by each
21 licensee as a portion of the total continuing education
22 required for biennial license renewal.

23 (4) A LICENSING BOARD WITH JURISDICTION OVER <--
24 PROFESSIONAL LICENSEES IDENTIFIED AS MANDATED REPORTERS UNDER
25 THIS CHAPTER MAY EXEMPT AN APPLICANT OR LICENSEE FROM THE
26 TRAINING OR CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIRED BY THIS PARAGRAPH
27 IF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

28 (I) THE APPLICANT OR LICENSEE SUBMITS DOCUMENTATION
29 ACCEPTABLE TO THE LICENSING BOARD THAT THE PERSON HAS
30 ALREADY COMPLETED CHILD ABUSE RECOGNITION TRAINING.

1 (II) THE TRAINING WAS:

2 (A) REQUIRED BY SECTION 1205.6 OF THE ACT OF
3 MARCH 10, 1949 (P.L.30, NO.14), KNOWN AS THE PUBLIC
4 SCHOOL CODE OF 1949, AND THE TRAINING PROGRAM WAS
5 APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN
6 CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE;
7 OR

8 (B) REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF JUNE 13, 1967
9 (P.L.31, NO.21), KNOWN AS THE PUBLIC WELFARE CODE,
10 AND THE TRAINING PROGRAM WAS APPROVED BY THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE.

12 (III) THE AMOUNT OF TRAINING RECEIVED EQUALS OR
13 EXCEEDS THE AMOUNT OF TRAINING OR CONTINUING EDUCATION
14 REQUIRED BY THIS PARAGRAPH.

15 Section 2. The addition of 23 Pa.C.S. § 6383(b)(3) applies
16 to persons applying for a license or certification, or for the
17 renewal of a license or certification, on or after January 1,
18 2015.

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