

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, JANUARY 15, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,
17 and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the
18 number and compensation of the deputies and all other
19 assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and
20 commissions shall be determined," in administrative
21 organization, further providing for advisory boards and
22 commissions; and, in powers and duties of Department of
23 Health and its departmental administrative and advisory
24 boards, establishing the Advisory Board on Acquired Brain
25 Injury.

26 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
27 hereby enacts as follows:

28 Section 1. Section 203 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177,
29 No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, amended July

1 9, 2010 (P.L.348, No.50), is amended to read:

2 Section 203. Advisory Boards and Commissions.--The following
3 advisory boards and commissions are placed in and made parts of
4 the respective administrative departments, as follows:

5 In the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs,

6 State Military Reservation Commission,

7 In the Department of Environmental Protection,

8 Citizens Advisory Council;

9 In the Department of Health,

10 Advisory Health Board[;]L

11 Advisory Board on Acquired Brain Injury;

12 In the Department of Labor and Industry,

13 Advisory Council on Affairs of the Handicapped,

14 Advisory Board on Problems of Older Workers,

15 Policy, Planning and Evaluation Advisory Committee;

16 In the Department of Public Welfare,

17 State Board of Public Welfare,

18 Advisory Committee for the Blind,

19 Advisory Committee for General and Special Hospitals,

20 Advisory Committee for Children and Youth,

21 Advisory Committee for Public Assistance,

22 Advisory Committee for Mental Health and Mental

23 Retardation.

24 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

25 Section 2126. Advisory Board on Acquired Brian Injury.--(a)

26 The Advisory Board on Acquired Brain Injury is established

27 within the Department of Health.

28 (b) The advisory board shall consist of twenty-five members

29 who shall be appointed by the Secretary of Health. The

30 membership of the advisory board shall include:

1 (1) Family members of acquired brain injury survivors.

2 (2) Individuals living with an acquired brain injury.

3 (3) Representatives from the Department of Aging, Department
4 of Public Welfare, Department of Labor and Industry, Insurance
5 Department, Department of Health, Department of Corrections and
6 Department of Education.

7 (4) Representatives from a Statewide association that
8 promotes the rights of persons with disabilities, a Statewide
9 association that represents rehabilitation facilities, a
10 Statewide association that represents persons with acquired
11 brain injuries.

12 (5) Community-based organizations that provide acquired
13 brain injury services or advocacy.

14 (c) The term of office of each member of the advisory board
15 shall be three years from the third Tuesday of January of the
16 year in which the member takes office or until the member's
17 successor has been appointed.

18 (d) Vacancies in the membership of the advisory board shall
19 be filled for the balance of an unexpired term in the same
20 manner as the original appointment.

21 (e) Members of the advisory board shall serve without
22 compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement for travel
23 and other actual expenses incurred in the performance of their
24 duties.

25 (f) A chairperson, vice chairperson and secretary of the
26 advisory board shall be elected by the members of the board. The
27 advisory board shall meet at least four times a year at such
28 times and places as it shall determine.

29 (g) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, a member
30 who serves on the effective date of this section may complete

1 the member's term.

2 (h) The advisory board shall have the power, and its duty
3 shall be:

4 (1) To advise the Governor and the departments represented
5 on the advisory board in the determination of service and
6 support needs of individuals with an acquired brain injury and
7 the implementation of services to those individuals and their
8 families.

9 (2) To make recommendations regarding future activities to
10 be placed in the acquired brain injury State Action Plan with
11 the goal of improving access to services in this Commonwealth
12 through information and education.

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.