

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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MARCH 16, 1995

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
MARCH 16, 1995

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," providing for a foster
4 parent registry.

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

7 Section 1. The act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known
8 as the Public Welfare Code, is amended by adding a section to
9 read:

10 Section 710. Foster Parent Registry.--(a) The department
11 shall maintain a registry of all foster parents in this
12 Commonwealth. This registry shall contain, at a minimum, the
13 following information in relation to each foster parent:

14 (1) A chronological history of the parent, including all
15 prior periods of custody of any minor.

16 (2) A history of the parent's association with any public or
17 private child welfare agency, including the reasons why a parent
18 or the agency terminated such association.

1 (3) A criminal history of the parent in relation to any
2 charges or convictions of child abuse or any other crime
3 involving a child.

4 (b) The department may promulgate rules and regulations
5 necessary to carry out this section and may arrange for, or
6 conduct on its own, such background investigations of foster
7 parents as necessary to fulfill the requirements and purposes of
8 the registry.

9 (c) As used in this section, "foster parent" means any
10 person who, on the effective date of this section and acting in
11 the capacity of foster parent, has custody of a minor or who,
12 within the five-year period immediately prior to the effective
13 date of this section, had custody of a minor while acting in the
14 capacity of a foster parent.

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.