

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2232 Session of 2020

INTRODUCED BY KAUFER, BERNSTINE, BOBACK, ZIMMERMAN, BURNS,
HERSHEY, SIMMONS, HELM, MASSER, SCHLEGEL CULVER, NELSON,
GILLEN AND JONES, JANUARY 17, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JANUARY 17, 2020

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," in public assistance,
4 further providing for workfare program.

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

7 Section 1. Section 405.2 of the act of June 13, 1967
8 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, is amended by
9 adding a subsection to read:

10 Section 405.2. Workfare Program.--* * *

11 (a.1) Within six months of the effective date of this
12 section, the department shall establish a workfare pilot program
13 in a county of the third class with a population between three
14 hundred fifteen thousand (315,000) and three hundred forty
15 thousand (340,000) as of the latest Federal decennial census in
16 accordance with the following:

17 (1) An individual receiving cash assistance under Temporary
18 Assistance for Needy Families may receive benefits while working

1 for an employer for a forty-hour work week and receiving pay
2 equivalent to twenty hours of work.

3 (2) After the individual has worked for the employer for six
4 months, the individual may continue to receive cash assistance
5 and shall be paid for thirty hours for working a forty-hour work
6 week.

7 (3) After the individual has worked for the employer for
8 twelve months, the individual shall be paid for a full forty
9 hours of work for working a forty-hour work week, and the
10 department shall terminate the cash assistance payments to the
11 individual.

12 (4) Each other applicable provision of this section shall
13 apply to the workfare pilot program.

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