

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY BISHOP, FARGO, MIHALICH, COY, TRELLO, PESCI,
PISTELLA, LAUGHLIN, BEBKO-JONES AND BATTISTO,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JANUARY 27, 1993

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," requiring school
4 attendance as a condition of eligibility for general
5 assistance.

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

8 Section 1. Section 402 of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31,
9 No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, is amended by adding a
10 definition to read:

11 Section 402. Definitions.--As used in this article:

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13 "Minor in need of education" means a minor who:

14 (1) is at least five years of age, but less than eighteen
15 years of age; and

16 (2) does not have a high school diploma or a certificate
17 deemed equivalent to a high school diploma by the Department of
18 Education.

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

2 Section 405.3. School Attendance Program.--(a) Prior to the
3 authorization of general assistance, every individual shall
4 demonstrate to the department that any minor in need of
5 education who resides with the individual is regularly attending
6 school.

7 (b) If the department determines, after a hearing, that a
8 minor in need of education who resides with an individual
9 receiving general assistance is not regularly attending school,
10 general assistance shall be terminated until the individual can
11 again demonstrate to the department that the minor in need of
12 education is regularly attending school.

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