

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL

No. 348 Session of  
1993

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AND GERLACH, FEBRUARY 10, 1993

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON AGING AND YOUTH, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, DECEMBER 8, 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," further providing for~~  
4 ~~eligibility for subsidized child day care.~~

5 PROVIDING FOR SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE FOR CAREGIVERS ENROLLED IN <—  
6 APPROVED TRAINING PROGRAMS.

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

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

12 ~~Section 494. Subsidized Child Day Care. (a) In determining~~  
13 ~~eligibility for subsidized child day care for parents or~~  
14 ~~caretakers receiving vocational training, such training shall be~~  
15 ~~deemed to include all of the following:~~

16 ~~(1) Four year baccalaureate degree programs at a college or~~

1 ~~university.~~

2 ~~(2) Postgraduate degree programs at a college or university.~~

3 ~~(3) English as a second language programs of fewer than~~  
4 ~~twenty hours per week.~~

5 ~~(4) General Educational Development (GED) programs of fewer~~  
6 ~~than twenty hours per week.~~

7 ~~(b) Any regulation of the department inconsistent with~~  
8 ~~subsection (a) is hereby abrogated to the extent of such~~  
9 ~~inconsistency.~~

10 ~~Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.~~

11 SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.

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12 THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES WHEN USED IN THIS ACT SHALL  
13 HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SECTION UNLESS THE  
14 CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

15 "CARETAKER." THE APPLICANT FOR CHILD DAY-CARE SERVICE WITH  
16 WHOM THE CHILD LIVES AND WHO IS THE INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR  
17 DOCUMENTING FAMILY ELIGIBILITY FOR SUBSIDIZED CHILD DAY-CARE  
18 SERVICE.

19 "CHILD DAY-CARE SERVICE." OUT-OF-HOME CARE PROVIDED FOR PART  
20 OF THE 24-HOUR DAY AND APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
21 WELFARE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CARE IN A CHILD DAY-CARE  
22 CENTER, GROUP CHILD DAY-CARE HOME OR FAMILY CHILD DAY-CARE HOME.

23 "DEPARTMENT." THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE OF THE  
24 COMMONWEALTH.

25 "SUBSIDIZED CHILD DAY CARE." CHILD DAY-CARE SERVICE, PAID  
26 FOR IN PART OR IN FULL WITH FEDERAL OR STATE FUNDS, PROVIDED TO  
27 ENABLE THE CARETAKER OF A CHILD TO BE EMPLOYED OR RECEIVE JOB  
28 TRAINING.

29 "TRAINING PROGRAM." AN INSTITUTIONAL PROGRAM WHICH ENABLES  
30 THE CARETAKER TO ESTABLISH A BASIC LEVEL OF EDUCATION, TO

1 ESTABLISH BASIC SKILLS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE OR TO ATTAIN  
2 SKILLS WHICH QUALIFY THE INDIVIDUAL FOR A SPECIFIC JOB. THE TERM  
3 INCLUDES PROGRAMS WHICH LEAD TO AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR A  
4 BACCALAUREATE DEGREE.

5 SECTION 2. APPROVED TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR SUBSIDIZED CHILD  
6 CARE.

7 (A) REQUIREMENT OF CAREGIVER REGARDING ENROLLMENT.--A  
8 CARETAKER WHO IS ENROLLED IN A TRAINING PROGRAM ENUMERATED IN  
9 SUBSECTION (B) AND WHO PROVIDES THE DEPARTMENT WITH VERIFICATION  
10 OF ENROLLMENT AS PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE  
11 CONSIDERED TO MEET THE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO  
12 QUALIFY FOR SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE.

13 (B) ENUMERATION OF TRAINING PROGRAMS.--THE FOLLOWING QUALIFY  
14 AS APPROVED TRAINING PROGRAMS:

15 (1) COMPLETION OF JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL.

16 (2) COMPLETION OF HIGH SCHOOL.

17 (3) REMEDIAL COURSES AT A SECONDARY OR POSTSECONDARY  
18 LEVEL REQUIRED FOR ENTRANCE INTO AN ACCREDITED TRAINING  
19 PROGRAM.

20 (4) A TRAINING PROGRAM AT A POSTSECONDARY LEVEL WHICH  
21 LEADS TO A SPECIFIC JOB.

22 (5) GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT (GED) TRAINING FOR 20  
23 OR MORE HOURS PER WEEK.

24 (6) ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE TRAINING FOR 20 OR MORE  
25 HOURS PER WEEK.

26 (7) A 2-YEAR ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM WHICH QUALIFIES AN  
27 INDIVIDUAL FOR A SPECIFIC JOB.

28 (8) A 4-YEAR BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM AT A COLLEGE  
29 OR UNIVERSITY WHICH QUALIFIES AN INDIVIDUAL FOR A SPECIFIC  
30 JOB.

1 (C) OTHER REQUIREMENTS.--IN ADDITION TO COMPLIANCE WITH  
2 TRAINING REQUIREMENTS, THE CARETAKER SHALL RESIDE IN THIS  
3 COMMONWEALTH AND SHALL MEET FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS  
4 ESTABLISHED IN DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS.

5 SECTION 3. DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ESTABLISH WAITING  
6 LIST SERVICE PRIORITIES.

7 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DETERMINE BY REGULATION SERVICE  
8 PRIORITIES FOR THE CHILDREN OF ELIGIBLE CARETAKERS WHO ARE  
9 PLACED ON A WAITING LIST BECAUSE PUBLIC FUNDS FOR SERVICES ARE  
10 NOT AVAILABLE TO ENROLL THE CHILDREN IN APPROVED CHILD DAY-CARE  
11 PROGRAMS. THE SERVICE PRIORITIES SHALL INCLUDE EMPLOYMENT,  
12 TRAINING AND INCOME CRITERIA.

13 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

14 THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 60 DAYS.