
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 2233 Session of
2014

INTRODUCED BY DAY, KAUFFMAN, TRUITT, GINGRICH AND MURT,
MAY 5, 2014

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MAY 5, 2014

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 responsibilities and obligations of
5 department, applicants and recipients.

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

8 Section 1. Section 405.3(a)(6) of the act of June 13, 1967
9 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, amended May
10 16, 1996 (P.L.175, No.35), is amended to read:

11 Section 405.3. Responsibilities and Obligations of
12 Department, Applicants and Recipients.--(a) Subject to Federal
13 approval, only where necessary, each adult applicant or
14 recipient of cash assistance or other person who is required to
15 sign an application for assistance shall be required as a
16 condition of eligibility to enter into a mutual agreement with
17 the department that will set forth the responsibilities and
18 obligations to be undertaken by the recipient to achieve self-
19 sufficiency, the time frames within which each obligation is to

1 be completed, the penalties for failure to comply and the
2 actions to be taken by the department to support the efforts of
3 the applicant or recipient. Where appropriate, these obligations
4 shall include, but not be limited to:

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6 (6) Maintaining the health and well-being of his or her
7 children, including:

8 (i) ensuring that children attend school and pursue a high
9 school diploma or its equivalent;

10 (ii) ensuring that children receive immunizations,
11 appropriate health screenings and necessary medical treatment,
12 consistent with nationally recognized standards;

13 (iii) performing any other appropriate activity based on an
14 assessment of the education level, parenting skills and history
15 of parenting activities and involvement of each parent who is
16 applying for assistance;

17 (iv) volunteering at the children's school based on the
18 needs of the school, for a period as determined by regulations
19 promulgated by the department;

20 (v) meeting other requirements as established by the
21 department.

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