

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SCHWANK, AUMENT, BAKER AND MASTRIANO, JUNE 1, 2021

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 9, 1997 (P.L.169, No.14), entitled "An
2 act providing for Statewide nurse aide training programs
3 relating to nursing facilities," further providing for
4 implementation.

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

7 Section 1. Section 9 of the act of June 9, 1997 (P.L.169,
8 No.14), known as the Nurse Aide Resident Abuse Prevention
9 Training Act, is amended to read:

10 Section 9. Implementation.

11 The department shall incorporate the resident abuse
12 prevention training under section 3 as part of the State-
13 approved nurse aide training programs. Under an approved nurse
14 aide training program, curriculum content for the theory and
15 laboratory requirements of the training may be delivered in
16 class, in person, online or via asynchronous, virtual reality or
17 other digital delivery mechanism, or in a blended format which
18 is a combination of any of the above, and must be approved by

1 the department. The clinical hour requirements must be completed
2 in an approved clinical setting. The department shall report
3 annually to the chairperson and minority chairperson of the
4 Aging and Youth Committee of the Senate, the chairperson and
5 minority chairperson of the Aging and Older Adult Services
6 Committee of the House of Representatives, the chairperson and
7 minority chairperson of the Education Committee of the Senate
8 and the chairperson and minority chairperson of the Education
9 Committee of the House of Representatives on the progress in
10 implementing the requirements of this section. In addition, the
11 resident abuse prevention training shall be extended to be part
12 of the regular in-service education of the nurse aide, as
13 required by section 483.75(8) of the regulations of the Omnibus
14 Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987 (Public Law 100-203, 101 Stat.
15 1330). Annually, after completion of the nurse aide training and
16 competency evaluation program, the nurse aide shall attend an
17 in-service program that incorporates section 3 as part of the
18 presentation. [The resident abuse prevention training component
19 shall be included as part of the residents' rights curriculum in
20 all nurse aide training classes and as part of the regular in-
21 service education of the nurse aide on or before March 1, 1998.]

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