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REINARD, JUNE 11, 1987

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, JUNE 11, 1987

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," providing for development  
4 of a training curriculum and code of conduct for children and  
5 youth social service caseworkers.

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

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

11 Section 703.1. Training Curriculum and Code of Conduct for  
12 Children and Youth Social Services Caseworkers.--(a) The  
13 department shall, by regulation, develop and promulgate a  
14 training curriculum and a code of conduct to be followed by all  
15 caseworkers engaged in providing children and youth social  
16 services.

1       (b) The training curriculum shall be uniform throughout this  
2 Commonwealth and shall be designed to acquaint caseworkers with  
3 the various situations with which they may be faced in the field  
4 and the best way to cope with those situations and provide the  
5 best possible services. Certification by the department that a  
6 caseworker has satisfactorily completed the training curriculum  
7 shall be a prerequisite to the assignment of cases to the  
8 caseworker.

9       (c) The code of conduct shall be designed to protect the  
10 physical and mental well-being of the children being served and  
11 to render their situations the least traumatic under the  
12 circumstances. It shall include, but not be limited to,  
13 requirements that the caseworkers accept and consider client  
14 input as to placement.

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