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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, OCTOBER 6, 1993

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AN ACT

1 Establishing a self-help clearinghouse within the Department of  
2 Public Welfare; and adding to the powers and duties of the  
3 Department of Public Welfare.

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

6 Section 1. Creation of clearinghouse.

7 The Self-Help Clearinghouse of the Commonwealth is hereby  
8 created. It shall function within and under the supervision of  
9 the Department of Public Welfare.

10 Section 2. Duties of Department of Public Welfare.

11 The Department of Public Welfare shall have the following  
12 powers and duties:

13 (1) To prepare guidelines for the operation of the Self-  
14 Help Clearinghouse.

15 (2) To solicit proposals from nonprofit organizations  
16 interested in participating in a Statewide Self-Help  
17 Clearinghouse, review the proposals and approve and fund

1 within the limits of moneys allocated to the department the  
2 proposal which best meets the objectives of the  
3 clearinghouse.

4 Section 3. Self-help group development.

5 The Self-Help Clearinghouse shall provide assistance to  
6 develop self-help groups throughout this Commonwealth by  
7 providing technical aid to communities which shall include, but  
8 not be limited to, the following:

9 (1) Consultation.

10 (2) Training.

11 (3) Technical advice.

12 (4) Publishing and distributing a Statewide directory of  
13 self-help groups.

14 (5) Collecting and making available self-help  
15 information and resource material.

16 Section 4. Effective date.

17 This act shall take effect in 60 days.