

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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JANUARY 23, 2001

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
JANUARY 23, 2001

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 3, 1998 (P.L.925, No.115), entitled
2 "An act providing for screening of patients for symptoms of
3 domestic violence; establishing the Domestic Violence Health
4 Care Response Program in the Department of Public Welfare;
5 and providing for domestic violence medical advocacy projects
6 to assist in implementation of domestic violence policies,
7 procedures, health care worker training and hospital, health
8 center and clinic response to domestic violence victims,"
9 further providing for Domestic Violence Health Care Response
10 Program.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. Section 3(c) of the act of December 3, 1998
14 (P.L.925, No.115), known as the Domestic Violence Health Care
15 Response Act, is amended to read:

16 Section 3. Domestic Violence Health Care Response Program.

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18 (c) Medical advocacy project sites.--

19 (1) The department shall select medical advocacy project

1 sites with representation from urban, rural and suburban
2 areas. To ensure the effectiveness of the program, the
3 project sites shall not be publicized.

4 (2) The department shall annually maintain a minimum of
5 35 medical advocacy project sites across this Commonwealth,
6 except that if fewer than 35 sites have applied for funding
7 for domestic violence screening and advocacy programs, the
8 department shall maintain all qualified sites that have
9 applied.

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11 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 30 days.