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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, FEBRUARY 13, 2001

AN ACT

1 Providing for technical assistance for employer-sponsored child  
2 day-care programs.

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

5 Section 1. Technical assistance for employer-sponsored child  
6 day-care programs.

7 (a) General rule.--The Department of Public Welfare shall  
8 develop a technical assistance program to provide private  
9 employers with information, including various types of employer-  
10 sponsored child day-care benefits and demographic and economic  
11 trends relating to the work force; research on the value of  
12 child day-care assistance programs in relationship to the  
13 recruitment, retention and productivity of employees; and

1 government-assisted child day-care programs. Employer-sponsored  
2 child day-care benefits include: resource and referral services;  
3 child day care on or near the work site; financial assistance  
4 through dependent care accounts; cafeteria-style fringe  
5 benefits; discounts at child day-care programs; and family-  
6 sensitive personnel practices such as job sharing, flextime and  
7 child-related employee leave.

8 (b) Workshops.--The department shall offer educational and  
9 training workshops for businesses to distribute information and  
10 help businesses address the child day-care needs of their  
11 employees.

12 (c) Coordination with other agencies and programs.--To the  
13 fullest extent possible, the department shall coordinate this  
14 technical assistance with Federal and State agencies or programs  
15 which have an impact on child day-care policies in the  
16 workplace, which administer subsidized child day-care services  
17 and programs and which provide child day-care resource and  
18 referral services.

19 Section 2. Effective date.

20 This act shall take effect in 60 days.