
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 431 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY GINGRICH, FEBRUARY 4, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, FEBRUARY 4, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in child protective services, further
3 providing for education and training.

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

6 Section 1. Section 6383(b) of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph to read:
8 § 6383. Education and training.

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10 (b) Duties of Department of State.--

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12 (3) Each licensing board with jurisdiction over
13 professional licensees identified as mandated reporters under
14 this chapter shall:

15 (i) Require all persons applying for a license or
16 certification issued by the licensing board to submit
17 documentation acceptable to the licensing board of the
18 completion of at least three hours of approved child
19 abuse recognition and reporting training. Training shall

1 address, but shall not be limited to, recognition of the
2 signs of child abuse and the reporting requirements for
3 suspected child abuse in this Commonwealth. Training
4 shall be obtained from a provider approved by the
5 Department of Public Welfare.

6 (ii) Require all persons applying for the renewal of
7 a license or certification issued by the licensing board
8 to submit documentation acceptable to the licensing board
9 of the completion of at least three hours of approved
10 continuing education every five years. Continuing
11 education shall address, but shall not be limited to,
12 recognition of the signs of child abuse and the reporting
13 requirements for suspected child abuse in this
14 Commonwealth. Continuing education shall be obtained from
15 a provider approved by the Department of Public Welfare.

16 Section 2. The addition of 23 Pa.C.S. § 6383(b)(3) applies
17 to persons applying for a license or certification, or for the
18 renewal of a license or certification, on or after January 1,
19 2015.

20 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.