

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 431 Session of 2013

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, APRIL 9, 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

1 documentation acceptable to the licensing board of the
2 completion of at least three hours of approved child
3 abuse recognition and reporting training. Training shall
4 address, but shall not be limited to, recognition of the
5 signs of child abuse and the reporting requirements for
6 suspected child abuse in this Commonwealth. Training
7 shall be ~~obtained from a provider~~ approved by the <--
8 Department of Public Welfare.

9 (ii) Require all persons applying for the renewal of
10 a license or certification issued by the licensing board
11 to submit documentation acceptable to the licensing board
12 of the completion of at least ~~three~~ TWO hours of approved <--
13 continuing education ~~every five years~~ PER LICENSURE <--
14 CYCLE. Continuing education shall address, but shall not
15 be limited to, recognition of the signs of child abuse
16 and the reporting requirements for suspected child abuse
17 in this Commonwealth. Continuing education ~~shall be~~ <--
18 ~~obtained from a provider~~ CURRICULUM SHALL BE approved by <--
19 the Department of Public Welfare. THE TWO HOURS OF <--
20 CONTINUING EDUCATION ON CHILD ABUSE RECOGNITION AND
21 REPORTING SHALL BE COMPLETED BY EACH LICENSEE AS A
22 PORTION OF THE TOTAL CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIRED FOR
23 BIENNIAL LICENSE RENEWAL.

24 Section 2. The addition of 23 Pa.C.S. § 6383(b)(3) applies
25 to persons applying for a license or certification, or for the
26 renewal of a license or certification, on or after January 1,
27 2015.

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