

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 431 Session of 2013

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SENATOR TOMLINSON, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, REPORTED AS AMENDED, IN SENATE, NOVEMBER 19, 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 paragraphs 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

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

9 THE TRAINING MAY OCCUR AS PART OF THE CONTINUING <--
10 EDUCATION REQUIREMENT OF THE LICENSE.

11 (ii) Require all persons applying for the renewal of
12 a license or certification issued by the licensing board
13 to submit documentation acceptable to the licensing board
14 of the completion of at least two hours of approved
15 continuing education per licensure cycle. Continuing
16 education shall address, but shall not be limited to,
17 recognition of the signs of child abuse and the reporting
18 requirements for suspected child abuse in this
19 Commonwealth. Continuing education curricula shall be
20 approved by the LICENSING BOARD IN CONSULTATION WITH THE <--
21 Department of Public Welfare. The two hours of continuing
22 education on child abuse recognition and reporting shall
23 be completed by each licensee as a portion of the total
24 continuing education required for biennial license
25 renewal.

26 (4) A licensing board with jurisdiction over
27 professional licensees identified as mandated reporters under
28 this chapter may exempt an applicant or licensee from the
29 training or continuing education required by this paragraph
30 if all of the following apply:

