
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY WAUGH, STACK, RAFFERTY, TOMLINSON, FONTANA,
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REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, FEBRUARY 13, 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(a) of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 6383. Education and training.

9 (a) Duties of department and county agencies.--

10 (1) The department and each county agency, both jointly
11 and individually, shall conduct a continuing publicity and
12 education program for the citizens of this Commonwealth aimed
13 at the prevention of child abuse and child neglect, including
14 the prevention of newborn abandonment, the identification of
15 abused and neglected children and the provision of necessary
16 ameliorative services to abused and neglected children and
17 their families.

18 (2) The department and each county agency shall conduct

1 an ongoing training and education program for local staff,
2 persons required to make reports and other appropriate
3 persons in order to familiarize those persons with the
4 reporting and investigative procedures for cases of suspected
5 child abuse and the rehabilitative services that are
6 available to children and families.

7 (3) In addition, the department shall, by regulation,
8 establish a program of training and certification for persons
9 classified as protective services workers[. The regulations
10 shall provide for the] that includes the following:

11 (i) The grandfathering of all current permanent
12 protective services workers as certified protective
13 services workers.

14 (ii) Upon request by the county agency and approval
15 of the department, the agency may conduct the training of
16 the county's protective services workers.

17 (iii) Basic training on drug and alcohol abuse and
18 addiction, warning signs of drug and alcohol problems,
19 methods of referral for assessment and treatment of
20 addiction.

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22 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.