
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1529 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY TOOHL, BISHOP, COHEN, HEFFLEY, PHILLIPS-HILL,
MURT, PICKETT, RAPP, WATSON, YOUNGBLOOD AND ZIMMERMAN,
OCTOBER 5, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, OCTOBER 5, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in adoption, providing for permissible
3 reimbursement of expenses.

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

6 Section 1. Title 23 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 2726. Permissible reimbursement of expenses.

9 Payments made by the adoptive parents to an intermediary for
10 reimbursement of the following expenses, calculated without
11 regard to the income of the adoptive parents, are permissible
12 and are not in violation of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4305 (relating to
13 dealing in infant children):

14 (1) Medical and hospital expenses incurred by the birth
15 mother for prenatal care and those medical and hospital
16 expenses incurred by the birth mother and child incident to
17 birth.

18 (2) Medical, hospital and foster care expenses incurred

1 on behalf of the child prior to the decree of adoption.

2 (3) Reasonable expenses incurred by the agency or a
3 third party for adjustment counseling and training services
4 provided to the adoptive parents and for home studies or
5 investigations.

6 (4) Reasonable administrative expenses incurred by the
7 agency, to include overhead costs and attorney fees.

8 (5) Reasonable living expenses incurred by the birth
9 mother three months prior to the due date of the child and 60
10 days after the birth of the child. Living expenses may
11 include food, rent, utilities, maternity clothing and an
12 amount not to exceed \$300 for expenses and transportation
13 costs associated with prenatal, maternity and postmaternity
14 care.

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