
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1559 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY PHILLIPS-HILL, BERNSTINE, BOBACK, GROVE,
A. HARRIS, KAUFFMAN, KEEFER, MILLARD, ORTITAY, SAYLOR,
THOMAS, TOOHIL, WARD AND ZIMMERMAN, JUNE 16, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JUNE 16, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled "An
2 act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public
3 welfare laws of the Commonwealth," in general powers and
4 duties of the Department of Human Services, providing for
5 child support requirements for the Supplemental Nutrition
6 Assistance Program.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. The act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known
10 as the Human Services Code, is amended by adding a section to
11 read:

12 Section 216. Child Support Requirements for the Supplemental
13 Nutrition Assistance Program.--(a) The department shall elect
14 the option under 7 CFR § 273.11(o) (relating to action on
15 households with special circumstances) to require an individual
16 living with and exercising parental control over a child under
17 eighteen years of age who has an absent parent to cooperate with
18 the department's division of child support services in
19 establishing paternity of the child and in establishing,

1 modifying or enforcing a support order with respect to the child
2 in accordance with section 454(29) of the Social Security Act
3 (49 Stat. 620, 42 U.S.C. § 654(29)), in order to be eligible to
4 participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

5 (b) The department shall elect the option under 7 CFR §
6 273.11(p) to require a putative or identified parent of a child
7 under eighteen years of age to cooperate with the department's
8 division of child support services in establishing the paternity
9 of the child and in providing support for the child in order to
10 be eligible to participate in the food stamp program.

11 (c) The inability of the putative or identified parent to
12 comply with the requirement under this section, as determined by
13 the department's division of child support services or an
14 appropriate court of law, shall preclude a determination of
15 ineligibility to participate in the Supplemental Nutrition
16 Assistance Program.

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