
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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JANUARY 5, 2018

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JANUARY 5, 2018

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 public assistance,
4 further providing for workfare program.

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

7 Section 1. Section 405.2 of the act of June 13, 1967
8 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, is amended by
9 adding a subsection to read:

10 Section 405.2. Workfare Program.--* * *

11 (a.1) Within six months of the effective date of this
12 section, the department shall establish a workfare pilot program
13 in a county of the third class with a population between three
14 hundred fifteen thousand and three hundred forty thousand as of
15 the latest Federal decennial census in accordance with the
16 following:

17 (1) An individual receiving cash assistance under Temporary
18 Assistance for Needy Families may receive benefits while working

1 for an employer for a forty-hour work week and receiving pay
2 equivalent to twenty hours of work.

3 (2) After the individual has worked for the employer for six
4 months, the individual may continue to receive cash assistance
5 and shall be paid for thirty hours for working the forty-hour
6 work week.

7 (3) After working for the employer for twelve months, the
8 individual shall be paid for the full forty hours of work, and
9 the department shall terminate the cash assistance payments to
10 the individual.

11 (4) Each other applicable provision of this section shall
12 apply to the workfare program.

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