

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, FEBRUARY 11, 2019

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, providing for work requirements for the Supplemental
5 Nutrition Assistance Program.

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

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

11 Section 217. Work Requirements for the Supplemental
12 Nutrition Assistance Program.--(a) The department may not apply
13 for, accept or renew a waiver of requirements established under
14 section 6(o) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (Public Law
15 88-525, 7 U.S.C. § 2015(o)) without prior approval of the
16 General Assembly.

17 (b) To the extent permitted by Federal law, as a condition
18 of participation and continuing eligibility for food assistance,

1 an adult recipient shall comply with and submit proof of
2 compliance with at least one of the following:

3 (1) The recipient has been employed for an average of at
4 least twenty hours per week.

5 (2) The recipient engaged in at least twenty-four hours of
6 community service per month.

7 (3) The recipient participates in a work program for at
8 least twenty hours per week.

9 (4) The recipient is enrolled as a full-time student in an
10 institution of higher education.

11 (c) Subsection (b) shall not apply to individuals who are
12 exempt under section 6(o)(3) of the Food and Nutrition Act of
13 2008 (7 U.S.C. § 2015(o)(3)).

14 (d) (1) The department shall provide notice to adult
15 recipients on the date of annual renewal:

16 (i) that the recipient's eligibility for food assistance
17 will be terminated if the recipient fails to meet the
18 requirements under subsection (b); and

19 (ii) of locations where assistance is available to
20 recipients in meeting the requirements under subsection (b).

21 (2) The department shall provide electronically to county
22 assistance offices a form notice.

23 (e) Eligibility for food assistance shall be terminated
24 three months after notice under subsection (d) if the recipient
25 fails to comply with the requirements under subsection (b).

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