

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 986 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY HERSHEY, FRITZ, SNYDER, BERNSTINE, NELSON, PICKETT, MILLARD, HENNESSEY, SCHLOSSBERG, ROTHMAN, M. K. KELLER, LONGIETTI, OWLETT, BURNS, GOODMAN, BIZZARRO, SAINATO, STRUZZI, MATZIE, WENTLING, RIGBY, KORTZ, OBERLANDER, SCHMITT, HILL-EVANS, DALEY, DIAMOND, JAMES, COX, STAATS, GABLER, MASSER, RYAN, SCHROEDER, KAUFFMAN, WHEELAND, IRVIN, TOEPEL, MALAGARI, DIGIROLAMO, CARROLL, MULLINS, GALLOWAY, T. DAVIS, TOOHIL, BRIGGS, POLINCHOCK, BARRAR, MARSHALL AND MACKENZIE, APRIL 2, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, APRIL 2, 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 public assistance,
4 further providing for nonemergency medical transportation
5 services.

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

8 Section 1. Section 443.12 of the act of June 13, 1967
9 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, is amended by
10 adding subsections to read:

11 Section 443.12. Nonemergency Medical Transportation
12 Services.--* * *

13 (d) The department shall suspend any action to amend the
14 Commonwealth's State Plan under subsection (a) and may not enter
15 into a contract with any broker under subsection (b) for a
16 period of ninety days from the date the study required by

1 subsection (e) is delivered to the secretary.

2 (e) The Joint State Government Commission shall conduct a
3 study on the positive and negative impacts to each county of
4 utilizing a Statewide or regional full-risk brokerage model
5 under this section. The study shall approximate the potential
6 costs or savings such action could have for the various counties
7 and the Commonwealth. It shall include recommendations relating
8 to minimizing disruption or reduction of nonemergency
9 transportation services, maximizing the coordination of
10 nonemergency transportation services provided by different
11 programs and diverse funding sources and whether to provide
12 counties with the right to opt-out of the full-risk brokerage
13 model. The study shall be completed not later than one year
14 after the effective date of this subsection and shall be
15 delivered to the secretary, the chairperson of the Health and
16 Human Services Committee of the Senate and the chairperson of
17 the Human Services Committee of the House of Representatives.

18 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.