

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2305 Session of 2020

INTRODUCED BY ROZZI, BULLOCK, KENYATTA, MURT, HOWARD, HARKINS, SANCHEZ, SCHLOSSBERG, BOBACK, CIRESI, PETRARCA, KIM, KINSEY, HILL-EVANS, HOHENSTEIN, GALLOWAY, GAINNEY, BURGOS, T. DAVIS, READSHAW, KOSIEROWSKI, DONATUCCI, FREEMAN, LEE, RABB, SHUSTERMAN, MCNEILL, SCHWEYER AND GILLEN, FEBRUARY 24, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, FEBRUARY 24, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 29, 1953 (P.L.304, No.66), entitled "An
 2 act providing for the administration of a statewide system of
 3 vital statistics; prescribing the functions of the State
 4 Department of Health, the State Advisory Health Board and
 5 local registrars; imposing duties upon coroners,
 6 prothonotaries, clerks of orphans' court, physicians,
 7 midwives and other persons; requiring reports and
 8 certificates for the registration of vital statistics;
 9 regulating the disposition of dead bodies; limiting the
 10 disclosure of records; prescribing the sufficiency of vital
 11 statistics records as evidence; prescribing fees and
 12 penalties; and revising and consolidating the laws relating
 13 thereto," in records, further providing for fees for copies.

14 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 15 hereby enacts as follows:

16 Section 1. Section 807 of the act of June 29, 1953 (P.L.304,
 17 No.66), known as the Vital Statistics Law of 1953, is amended by
 18 adding subsections to read:

19 Section 807. Records: Fees for Copies.--* * *

20 (d) No fee shall be charged for certified copies of records
 21 or parts thereof furnished to a foster youth or homeless youth.

22 The signature or presence of or permission from a parent or

1 guardian shall not be required to obtain the copies.

2 (e) As used in this section, the following words and phrases
3 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless
4 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

5 "Foster youth" shall mean an individual under eighteen (18)
6 years of age, or if a court retains dependency jurisdiction
7 under 42 Pa.C.S. § 6351(j) (relating to disposition of dependent
8 child) an individual up to twenty-one (21) years of age, who is:

9 (1) under the care and responsibility of the Commonwealth
10 and is placed in foster care, as defined in 45 CFR 1355.20
11 (relating to definitions), under 42 Pa.C.S. § 6351 or 6352
12 (relating to disposition of delinquent child); or

13 (2) placed under a voluntary placement agreement under 55
14 Pa. Code § 3130.65 (relating to voluntary placement agreement).

15 "Homeless youth" shall have the same meaning as the term
16 "unaccompanied youth" under the McKinney-Vento Homeless
17 Assistance Act (Public Law 100-77, 101 Stat. 482).

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