
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY ROZZI, BULLOCK, SCHLOSSBERG, GLEIM, HOWARD,
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R. MACKENZIE, MADDEN, GALLOWAY, SCHWEYER, CIRESI AND
HOHENSTEIN, MARCH 31, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MARCH 31, 2021

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 of records furnished to a foster youth or homeless
22 youth. The signature or presence of or permission from a parent

1 or 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.