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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, JUNE 24, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 67 (Public Welfare) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in human services generally, providing
3 for autism screening.

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

6 Section 1. Title 67 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a chapter to read:

8 CHAPTER 41

9 AUTISM SCREENING

10 Sec.

11 4101. Definitions.

12 4102. Autism screening.

13 § 4101. Definitions.

14 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
15 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
16 context clearly indicates otherwise:

17 "Licensed child-care provider." A premises licensed under

1 55 Pa. Code Ch. 20 (relating to licensure or approval of
2 facilities and agencies) and operating under the requirements of
3 55 Pa. Code Ch. 3270 (relating to child day care centers) that
4 provides care at any one time for seven or more minors unrelated
5 to the operator.

6 § 4102. Autism screening.

7 The department shall:

8 (1) Develop an autism screening tool that may be used by
9 a licensed child-care provider in this Commonwealth to screen
10 children who are 18 months of age, 24 months of age and 36
11 months of age in the licensed child-care provider's care for
12 autism.

13 (2) Provide training for the autism screening tool free
14 of charge to licensed child-care providers, including
15 protocols for appropriate follow-up with parents.

16 (3) Notify all licensed child-care providers in this
17 Commonwealth, at least annually, of the autism screening tool
18 and training and that both are provided free of charge.

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