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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 461 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY KNOWLES, MILLARD, GINGRICH, DUNBAR, EMRICK,  
HARHART, HAHN, GROVE, MILNE AND EVERETT, JANUARY 30, 2013

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JANUARY 30, 2013

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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," further providing for  
4 establishment of Human Services Block Grant Pilot Program.

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

7 Section 1. Section 1402-B of the act of June 13, 1967  
8 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, added June  
9 30, 2012 (P.L.668, No.80), is amended to read:

10 Section 1402-B. Establishment of Human Services Block Grant  
11 Pilot Program.

12 (a) General rule.--The Human Services Block Grant Pilot  
13 Program is established for the purpose of allocating block grant  
14 funds to county governments to provide locally identified  
15 county-based human services that will meet the service needs of  
16 county residents. A county's request to participate in the block  
17 grant shall be on a form and contain such information as the  
18 department may prescribe. The department, in its discretion, may  
19 approve a county's request based on criteria determined by the

1 department. No more than [20] 30 counties may participate in the  
2 block grant in any fiscal year.

3 (b) Reconsideration.--Counties that applied for the block  
4 grant pilot program for fiscal year 2012-2013 and were not  
5 selected may apply for reconsideration for the program for  
6 fiscal year 2013-2014. If a county declines to apply for  
7 reconsideration, another county not on the original application  
8 list may apply for the program.

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