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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY DAY, BARRAR, KINSEY, D. COSTA AND MURT,  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MARCH 17, 2015

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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," in public assistance,  
4 further providing for responsibilities and obligations of  
5 department, applicants and recipients.

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

8 Section 1. Section 405.3(a)(6) of the act of June 13, 1967  
9 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, amended May  
10 16, 1996 (P.L.175, No.35), is amended to read:

11 Section 405.3. Responsibilities and Obligations of  
12 Department, Applicants and Recipients.--(a) Subject to Federal  
13 approval, only where necessary, each adult applicant or  
14 recipient of cash assistance or other person who is required to  
15 sign an application for assistance shall be required as a  
16 condition of eligibility to enter into a mutual agreement with  
17 the department that will set forth the responsibilities and  
18 obligations to be undertaken by the recipient to achieve self-  
19 sufficiency, the time frames within which each obligation is to

1 be completed, the penalties for failure to comply and the  
2 actions to be taken by the department to support the efforts of  
3 the applicant or recipient. Where appropriate, these obligations  
4 shall include, but not be limited to:

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6 (6) Maintaining the health and well-being of his or her  
7 children, including:

8 (i) ensuring that children attend school and pursue a high  
9 school diploma or its equivalent;

10 (ii) ensuring that children receive immunizations,  
11 appropriate health screenings and necessary medical treatment,  
12 consistent with nationally recognized standards;

13 (iii) performing any other appropriate activity based on an  
14 assessment of the education level, parenting skills and history  
15 of parenting activities and involvement of each parent who is  
16 applying for assistance;

17 (iv) volunteering at the children's school based on the  
18 needs of the school, for a period as determined by regulations  
19 promulgated by the department; and

20 (v) meeting other requirements as established by the  
21 department.

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