
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. **498** Session of
1961

INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. WEINER, MCGINNIS AND RIPP,
APRIL 10, 1961.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND
WELFARE, APRIL 10, 1961.

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 24 1937 (P. L. 2051) entitled "An act relating to public assistance providing for and regulating assistance to certain classes of persons designated and defined as dependent children aged persons blind persons and other persons requiring relief providing for the administration of this act by the Department of Public Assistance and county boards of assistance hereby created for this purpose authorizing the Department of Public Assistance to cooperate with and to

EXPLANATION—CAPITAL LETTERS indicate new matter added to bill. Matter ~~stricken through~~ is to be omitted from bill. Underscoring indicates new matter added to existing law. [Brackets] indicate matter ~~stricken from~~ existing law.

accept and disburse moneys received from the United State Government for assistance to such persons providing for the liquidation of the State Emergency Relief Board Boards of Trustees of the Mothers' Assistance Fund and Boards of Trustees of Pension Fund for the Blind and repealing laws relating to mothers' assistance pensions for the blind old age assistance and the State Emergency Relief Board" changing the definition of dependent children for assistance purposes with limitations

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows

- 1 Section 1 Subsection (a) of section 9 act of June 24 1937 (P L
- 2 2051) known as the "Public Assistance Law" amended June 28 1957
- 3 (P L 397) is amended to read
- 4 Section 9 Eligibility for Assistance Any person residing within this
- 5 Commonwealth shall hereafter be entitled to receive public assistance
- 6 as provided by law without regard to the period of time he or she has
- 7 resided therein and the Department of Public Assistance shall grant
- 8 assistance without regard to the period of time any person seeking public
- 9 assistance and otherwise entitled thereto shall have resided within this
- 10 State Provided however That if the applicant for public assistance has

1 resided in Pennsylvania for less than one year immediately preceding
2 the date of making application for assistance such person shall only be
3 entitled to receive public assistance if he or she was last a resident of a
4 state which by law regulation or reciprocal agreement with Pennsyl-
5 vania grants public assistance to a person who has resided therein
6 for less than one year A child less than one year of age is considered
7 as deriving residence from either (1) a parent or (2) other relative with
8 whom he is living as provided in this section Except as hereinafter
9 specifically otherwise provided in the case of pensions for the blind all
10 persons of the following classes except those who hereafter advocate
11 and actively participate by an overt act or acts in a movement pro-
12 posing a change in the form of government of the United States by
13 means not provided for in the Constitution of the United States shall
14 be eligible to receive assistance in accordance with rules regulations and
15 standards established by the Department of Public Assistance with the
16 approval of the State Board of Assistance as to eligibility for assistance
17 and as to its nature and extent Absence in the service of the Common-
18 wealth or of the United States shall not be deemed to interrupt resi-
19 dence in the Commonwealth if a domicile has not been acquired outside
20 the Commonwealth

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1 (a) Dependent Children A dependent child is defined as any needy
2 child under the age of eighteen who has been deprived of parental sup-
3 port or care by reason of the death continued absence from the home
4 or physical or mental incapacity of a parent and who is living with his
5 father mother grandfather grandmother brother sister stepfather step-
6 mother stepbrother stepsister uncle aunt first cousin nephew or niece
7 in a place of residence maintained by one or more of such relatives at
8 his or their own home Any one such relative who is in need of assistance
9 to provide a decent and healthful standard of living for himself and
10 the dependent child or children maintained in his home and who is not
11 receiving any other assistance under the provisions of this act shall be
12 eligible for assistance under this subsection provided such relative meets
13 the requirements of the first paragraph of this section The term de-
14 pendent child contained in this subsection shall also include those
15 deprived of parental support or care by reason of the unemployment of
16 a parent so long as federal participation is available for assistance
17 granted to or on behalf of such children

18 So long as required as a condition of Federal Participation as-
19 sistance shall not be denied a child less than one year of age if the

1 parent or other relative with whom the child is living has resided in

2 the Commonwealth for one year immediately preceeding the child's birth

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4 Section 2 This act shall take effect immediately

We certify that this bill has passed the Senate and the House of
Representatives.

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Chief Clerk, Senate

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President pro tempore, Senate

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Speaker, House of Representatives

Approved The day of A. D. 1961.

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Governor