
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No.

729

Session of
1961

INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. STROUP AND WADE, JUNE 5, 1961.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND
WELFARE, JUNE 5, 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 accept and disburse moneys received from the United States Government for assistance 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.

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" further regulating assistance to dependent children and their mothers

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
- 11 resided in Pennsylvania for less than one year immediately preceding

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

19 (a) Dependent Children A dependent child is defined as any needy
20 child under the age of eighteen who has been deprived of parental sup-

1 port or care by reason of the death continued absence from the home
2 or physical or mental incapacity of a parent and who is living with his
3 father mother grandfather grandmother brother sister stepfather step-
4 mother stepbrothers stepsister uncle aunt first cousin nephew or niece
5 in a place of residence maintained by one or more of such relatives at
6 his or their own home Any one such relative who is in need of assistance
7 to provide a decent and healthful standard of living for himself and the
8 dependent child or children maintained in his home and who is not re-
9 ceiving any other assistance under the provisions of this act shall be
10 eligible for assistance under this subsection provided such relative meets
11 the requirements of the first paragraph of this section No mother of
12 children born out of wedlock shall obtain public assistance for more
13 than two children born out of wedlock nor shall more than two chil-
14 dren borne out of wedlock by any mother be eligible for public assistance

15 So long as required as a condition of Federal participation assis-
16 tance shall not be denied a child less than one year of age if the parent
17 or other relative with whom the child is living has resided in the Com-
18 monwealth for one year immediately preceding the child's birth

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20 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. 1941.

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Governor