

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY CRUZ, DAVIS, YOUNGBLOOD, McCLINTON, WATSON,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, APRIL 7, 2017

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 providing for the establishment of the Public Assistance
5 Monitoring Program.

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

8 Section 1. The act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known
9 as the Human Services Code, is amended by adding a section to
10 read:

11 Section 414.1. Public Assistance Monitoring Program.--(a)
12 The department shall establish a program to be known as the
13 Public Assistance Monitoring Program.

14 (b) The purpose of the program is to deter fraud and abuse
15 of public assistance programs.

16 (c) The following shall participate in the program:

17 (1) A person who is a new resident applying for assistance.

18 (2) Any provider or payee required to provide care or
19 oversee the benefits received by the person receiving

1 assistance.

2 (d) The department shall monitor a provider or payee
3 quarterly for the first year a new resident is receiving
4 benefits in order to verify that the provider or payee is
5 providing adequate care or properly overseeing the benefits
6 received.

7 (e) It shall be a violation for a provider or payee not to
8 provide adequate care to or properly oversee the benefits
9 received by the person receiving assistance. The Attorney
10 General may, at the request of the department, investigate an
11 alleged violation of this subsection and institute and prosecute
12 legal proceedings against a provider or payee who may be liable
13 for a violation. The department may also, if appropriate, refer
14 the matter to any other Federal, State or local law enforcement
15 agency.

16 (f) The department shall conduct at least one site visit for
17 each new resident to verify compliance with program
18 requirements.

19 (g) The department shall promulgate rules to implement this
20 section.

21 (h) As used in this section, the following words and phrases
22 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection:

23 "New resident" means a person who has resided in this
24 Commonwealth for less than twelve months.

25 "Program" means the Public Assistance Monitoring Program.

26 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 90 days.