

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JUNE 5, 2015

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 determination of need.

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

7 Section 1. Section 432.12(a) of the act of June 13, 1967
8 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code, amended May
9 16, 1996 (P.L.175, No.35), is amended to read:

10 Section 432.12. Determination of Need.--(a) In determining
11 need for aid to families with dependent children, the gross
12 income of all members of the assistance group who are fourteen
13 years of age or older shall be considered except the gross
14 income of a member of the assistance group who is between the
15 ages of fourteen and twenty-one, is a full or part-time student,
16 and is not employed full time or income which is specifically
17 excluded by Federal or State law. [Fifty] Seventy-five percent
18 of gross earned income shall be disregarded when determining

1 eligibility for applicants and recipients. Any changes to that
2 percentage shall be promulgated as regulations and shall be
3 subject to the availability of Federal and State funds for cash
4 assistance, as certified by the Secretary of the Budget.

5 In determining need for general assistance, the department
6 shall take into consideration the gross income which is not
7 excluded by Federal or State law, excluding that amount equal to
8 the expenses reasonably attributable to the earning of income up
9 to twenty-five dollars (\$25) per month, of all members of the
10 assistance group who are fourteen years of age or older. The
11 deduction shall be considered to cover all transportation
12 expenses related to employment, all child and adult care related
13 to employment, all other expenses attributed to employment such
14 as but not limited to union dues, uniforms and the like, and all
15 deductions over which the employee has no control such as but not
16 limited to Federal and State income tax. In addition to said
17 work related expenses, a work incentive equal to the first
18 twenty dollars (\$20) plus fifty percent of the next sixty
19 dollars (\$60) may be deducted from the gross monthly wages of
20 each employed recipient of general assistance for a period not
21 to exceed four months. The general assistance grant shall be
22 computed on the remainder.

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