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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY SCHWANK, KEARNEY, FONTANA, HUGHES, HAYWOOD, KANE,  
DILLON, STREET, TARTAGLIONE, CAPPELLETTI, SANTARSIERO,  
COMITTA, COSTA AND SAVAL, JANUARY 31, 2023

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REFERRED TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, JANUARY 31, 2023

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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 providing for effect of postsecondary education and work  
5 force training on subsidized child care.

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 408.4. Effect of Postsecondary Education and Work  
12 Force Training on Subsidized Child Care.--(a) Notwithstanding  
13 any other provision of law or regulation and subject to the  
14 availability of funding, if a parent or caretaker of a child  
15 enrolled in subsidized child care is enrolled in a postsecondary  
16 education program or work force training program, the parent or  
17 caretaker shall be eligible for the assistance for at least two  
18 years of the postsecondary education or work force training, so  
19 long as all other eligibility requirements are satisfied during

1 the two-year period.

2 (b) In administering the assistance, priority may be given  
3 to a working family over a family with a parent or caretaker who  
4 is enrolled in a postsecondary education program or work force  
5 training program.

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