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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

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DELLOSO, JULY 18, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, JULY 18, 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 general powers and  
4 duties of the Department of Public Welfare, providing for  
5 report on county assistance offices.

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 217. Report on County Assistance Offices.--(a) The  
12 department shall conduct a study on the challenges and needs of  
13 county assistance offices in order to determine methods to  
14 optimize efficiency. No later than one year after the effective  
15 date of this subsection, the department shall submit a report of  
16 its findings to the following:

17 (1) The Governor.

- 1     (2) The President pro tempore of the Senate.
- 2     (3) The Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- 3     (4) The Majority Leader of the Senate.
- 4     (5) The Minority Leader of the Senate.
- 5     (6) The Majority Leader of the House of Representatives.
- 6     (7) The Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.
- 7     (8) The chair and minority chair of the Health and Human  
8 Services Committee of the Senate.

9     (9) The chair and minority chair of the Human Services  
10 Committee of the House of Representatives.

11     (b) At a minimum, the report under subsection (a) shall:

12     (1) assess the current challenges faced by county assistance  
13 offices;

14     (2) identify all resources available to county assistance  
15 offices that aid in the administration of services;

16     (3) analyze how the department currently supports county  
17 assistance offices in the administration of services as compared  
18 to other states utilizing a similar delivery model for public  
19 assistance;

20     (4) identify opportunities to increase efficiency within  
21 county assistance offices; and

22     (5) provide legislative recommendations to support county  
23 assistance offices.

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