

*(b) Liability for costs of care of patients committed upon order of the court to any institution, or to any institution district, or to the Department of Public Welfare of cities of the first class for placement in any institution, shall be imposed from the date of the court order as provided in paragraph (a).*

APPROVED—The 15th day of March, A. D. 1956.

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No. 398

AN ACT

Amending the act of June twenty-four, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 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 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," changing provisions relating to children eligible for assistance.

Public Assist-  
ance Law.

Subsection (c.2),  
section 9, act of  
June 24, 1937,  
P. L. 2051,  
amended August  
22, 1953, P. L.  
1361, further  
amended.

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

Section 1. Subsection (c.2) of section nine, act of June twenty-four, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 2051), known as the "Public Assistance Law," amended August twenty-two, one thousand nine hundred fifty-three (Pamphlet Laws 1361), is amended to read:

Section 9. Eligibility for Assistance.—Any person residing within this Commonwealth shall hereafter be entitled to receive public assistance, as provided by law, without regard to the period of time he or she has resided therein, and the Department of Public Assistance shall grant assistance without regard to the period of time any person seeking public assistance and otherwise entitled thereto shall have resided within this State: Provided, however, That if the applicant for public assistance has resided in Pennsylvania for less than one year immediately preceding the date of making application for assistance, such person shall only be entitled to receive public assistance if he or she was last a

resident of a state which by law, regulation or reciprocal agreement with Pennsylvania grants public assistance to a person who has resided therein for less than one year. A child less than one year of age is considered as deriving residence from either (1) a parent, or (2) other relative with whom he is living, as provided in this section. Except as hereinafter specifically otherwise provided in the case of pensions for the blind, all persons of the following classes, except those who hereafter advocate and actively participate by an overt act or acts in a movement proposing a change in the form of government of the United States by means not provided for in the Constitution of the United States, shall be eligible to receive assistance, in accordance with rules, regulations and standards established by the Department of Public Assistance, with the approval of the State Board of Assistance, as to eligibility for assistance, and as to its nature and extent. Absence in the service of the Commonwealth or of the United States shall not be deemed to interrupt residence in the Commonwealth if a domicile has not been acquired outside the Commonwealth.

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(c.2) Any children who, at the time they are receiving assistance, are, at the direction of the court, removed from the home of their *natural* parents, *any other blood relatives, including halfblood, adoptive parents or those acting in loco parentis*, and placed in foster homes or children's homes maintained by a county institution district, or for a period not exceeding three months for the purposes of adjustment and time allowance for the county institution district to obtain suitable foster homes in a receiving center for children which is not maintained by the State, or by a county institution district but which is subject to the jurisdiction of the Department of Welfare.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 15th day of March, A. D. 1956.

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