

No. 1988-7

AN ACT

HB 836

Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for intermediary reports in adoption.

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

Section 1. Section 2533 of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:

§ 2533. Report of intermediary.

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*(d) Permissible reimbursement of expenses.—Payments made by the adoptive parents to an intermediary or a third party for reimbursement of the following expenses, calculated without regard to the income of the adoptive parents, are permissible and are not in violation of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4305 (relating to dealing in infant children):*

*(1) Medical and hospital expenses incurred by the natural mother for prenatal care and those medical and hospital expenses incurred by the natural mother and child incident to birth.*

*(2) Medical, hospital and foster care expenses incurred on behalf of the child prior to the decree of adoption.*

*(3) Reasonable expenses incurred by the agency or a third party for adjustment counseling and training services provided to the adoptive parents and for home studies or investigations.*

*(4) Reasonable administrative expenses incurred by the agency, to include overhead costs and attorney fees.*

Section 2. This act shall apply to expenses incurred for adoption decrees made after the effective date of this act, regardless of whether the expenses were incurred prior to or after the effective date of this act.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 15th day of January, A. D. 1988.

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