



## SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

### House Bill 59 Printer's No. 55

Prime Sponsor: Moul  
Committee: Health and Human Services

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#### **SYNOPSIS:**

Allows for an adoptive family to appeal the amount of an adoption subsidy provided under the Adoption Opportunities Act.

#### **SUMMARY:**

Amends Section 774 of the Human Services Code to allow an adoptive family to repeal to the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services the amount of the adoption subsidy provided to them by the County Children and Youth Services Agency under the Adoption Opportunities Act.

Current law allows for the payment of a subsidy to an adoptive family for a difficult adoption (as a result of a physical or mental disability, emotional disturbance, or because of age, sibling relationship, or ethnicity). While there are limits on the amount of this subsidy, there is no current process allowing an adoptive family to appeal the subsidy provided.

Effective Date: 60 days

#### **BILL HISTORY:**

In the House:

Referred to CHILDREN AND YOUTH, Jan. 23, 2017

Reported as committed, Feb. 6, 2017

First consideration, Feb. 6, 2017

Laid on the table, Feb. 6, 2017

Removed from table, Feb. 7, 2017

Second consideration, Feb. 8, 2017

Re-committed to APPROPRIATIONS, Feb. 8, 2017

Re-reported as committed, March 13, 2017

Third consideration and final passage, March 13, 2017 (185-0)

In the Senate:

Referred to HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, March 20, 2017

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