
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 1536 Session of
1975

INTRODUCED BY PRATT, REED, McLANE, MILLIRON AND MILANOVICH,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 25, 1975

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 6, 1972 (P.L.1464, No.333),
2 entitled "An act relating to the care, guidance, control,
3 trial, placement and commitment of delinquent and deprived
4 children," requiring notification to parents or guardians of
5 children who are being prosecuted in a summary offense or in
6 a civil matter before a justice of the peace or a magistrate.

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

9 Section 1. The act of December 6, 1972 (P.L.1464, No.333),
10 known as the "Juvenile Act," is amended by adding a section to
11 read:

12 Section 9.1. Notification Required.--Whenever any child is
13 the defendant in a summary proceeding or in a civil case before
14 a justice of the peace or a magistrate, the prosecuting party or
15 the plaintiff shall notify the parents or legal guardian of the
16 child of the proceeding or case before the justice of the peace
17 or the magistrate by mailing a copy of the notice of the hearing
18 to the parents or guardian by registered mail, return receipt
19 requested, addressee only. If any prosecuting party or plaintiff
20 fails to so notify the parents or guardian of the child, the

1 justice of the peace or the magistrate shall dismiss the charge
2 or the complaint with prejudice.

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