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RITTER AND TELEK, MAY 29, 1991

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGING AND YOUTH, MAY 29, 1991

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, authorizing investigators of child
3 abuse to rely on factual investigations conducted by a law
4 enforcement agency.

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

7 Section 1. Section 6362 of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:
9 § 6362. Responsibilities of child protective service.

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11 (d) Reliance on factual investigation.--An agency charged by
12 this section or section 6361 (relating to organization of child
13 protective service) with investigating a report of child abuse
14 may, in its discretion, rely on a factual investigation by a law
15 enforcement agency of substantially the same allegations to

1 support the agency's finding. This reliance shall not, however,
2 limit the duties imposed by section 6368(a) (relating to
3 investigation of reports).

4 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.