

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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KELLER, A. H. WILLIAMS, YOUNGBLOOD, LEDERER, MCGEEHAN AND  
BUTKOVITZ, JUNE 10, 1997

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 10, 1997

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for certain immunity for  
3 persons appointed to represent the interests of a minor  
4 child.

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

7 Section 1. Sections 2313 and 6382 of Title 23 of the  
8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended by adding  
9 subsections to read:

10 § 2313. Representation.

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12 (c) Immunity.--Any person appointed by the court, pursuant  
13 to this section, to represent the interests of a minor child in  
14 any capacity in a civil, delinquent juvenile or dependency  
15 proceeding on behalf of a minor child shall be presumed, prima  
16 facie, to be acting in good faith and, in so doing, shall be  
17 immune from any civil liability that otherwise might be incurred  
18 or imposed based upon such representation.

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2     shall include any directors, coordinators, attorneys or any  
3     court-appointed special advocates of any court-appointed special  
4     advocate program or similar program.

5     § 6382. Guardian ad litem for child in court proceedings.

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