

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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FEBRUARY 10, 1999

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGING AND YOUTH, FEBRUARY 10, 1999

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for information on  
3 prospective child-care personnel.

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

6 Section 1. Section 6344(a) of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is amended by  
8 adding a subsection to read:

9 § 6344. Information relating to prospective child-care  
10 personnel.

11 (a) Applicability.--This section applies to all prospective  
12 employees of child-care services, prospective foster parents,  
13 prospective adoptive parents, prospective self-employed family  
14 day-care providers and other persons seeking to provide child-  
15 care services under contract with a child-care facility or  
16 program. This section also applies to individuals 14 years of

1 age or older who reside in the home of a prospective foster  
2 parent for at least 30 days in a calendar year. This section  
3 does not apply to administrative or other support personnel  
4 unless their duties will involve direct contact with children.

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6 (n) Use of information.--A foster family care agency may not  
7 approve a prospective foster parent if the prospective foster  
8 parent or an individual 14 years of age or older who resides for  
9 at least 30 days in a calendar year with the prospective foster  
10 parent meets any of the following:

11 (1) Is named in the central register as the perpetrator  
12 of a founded report of child abuse.

13 (2) Has been found guilty of or adjudicated delinquent  
14 for an offense listed in subsection (c).

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