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TANGRETTI, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS AND TIGUE, MARCH 1, 2005

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, MARCH 1, 2005

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) and (c)(1) of Title 23 of the  
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended and the section  
8 is amended by adding subsections 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

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

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(c) Grounds for denying employment.--

(1) In no case shall an administrator hire an applicant  
where the department has verified that the applicant is named  
in the central register as the perpetrator of a founded  
report of child abuse committed within the five-year period  
immediately preceding verification pursuant to this  
section[.] or is named in the central register as the  
perpetrator of a founded report for a school employee  
committed within the five-year period immediately preceding  
verification pursuant to this section.

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

(1) Is named in the central register as the perpetrator  
of a founded report of child abuse committed within the five-  
year period immediately preceding verification pursuant to  
this section or is named in the central register as the  
perpetrator of a founded report for a school employee  
committed within the five-year period immediately preceding  
verification pursuant to this section.

1       (2) Has been found guilty of an offense listed in  
2       subsection (c)(2).

3       (p) Use of information.--A prospective adoptive parent may  
4       not be approved if the prospective adoptive parent or an  
5       individual 14 years of age or older who resides for at least 30  
6       days in a calendar year with the prospective adoptive parent  
7       meets either of the following:

8               (1) Is named in the central register as the perpetrator  
9               of a founded report of child abuse committed within the five-  
10              year period immediately preceding verification pursuant to  
11              this section or is named in the central register as the  
12              perpetrator of a founded report for a school employee  
13              committed within the five-year period immediately preceding  
14              verification pursuant to this section.

15       (2) Has been found guilty of an offense listed in  
16       subsection (c)(2).

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