

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in proceedings prior to petition to
3 adopt, further providing for grounds for involuntary
4 termination.

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

7 Section 1. Section 2511(a)(9) of Title 23 of the
8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended and the subsection
9 is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

10 § 2511. Grounds for involuntary termination.

11 (a) General rule.--The rights of a parent in regard to a
12 child may be terminated after a petition filed on any of the
13 following grounds:

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15 (9) The parent has been convicted of one of the
16 following in which the victim was a child of the parent:

17 (i) an offense under 18 Pa.C.S. Ch. 25 (relating to
18 criminal homicide);

(ii) a felony under 18 Pa.C.S. § 2702 (relating to aggravated assault);

(iii) a felony under 18 Pa.C.S. § 3121 (relating to rape);

(iv) a felony under 18 Pa.C.S. § 3122.1 (relating to statutory sexual assault);

(v) a felony under 18 Pa.C.S. § 3123 (relating to involuntary deviate sexual intercourse);

(vi) a felony under 18 Pa.C.S. § 3124.1 (relating to sexual assault);

(vii) a felony under 18 Pa.C.S. § 3125 (relating to aggravated indecent assault);

(viii) a misdemeanor under 18 Pa.C.S. § 3126 (relating to indecent assault);

(ix) an offense in another jurisdiction equivalent to an offense in subparagraph (i) [or], (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), (vii), (viii); or

[(iv)] (x) an attempt, solicitation or conspiracy to commit an offense in subparagraph (i), (ii) [or], (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), (vii), (viii) or (ix).

(10) The child has been and is currently removed from the care of the parent under a court order or under a voluntary agreement with an agency and a court, in a proceeding under 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 63 (relating to juvenile matters), has previously determined that:

(i) Aggravated circumstances as defined in 42 Pa.C.S. § 6302 (relating to definitions) exist.

(ii) Reasonable efforts to reunify the child with the parent are not required.

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