
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY DINNIMAN, WARD, BARTOLOTTA, RAFFERTY AND
MCGARRIGLE, JULY 6, 2017

REFERRED TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, JULY 6, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in juvenile matters,
3 providing for safety and security plans for nonsecure
4 juvenile facilities.

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

7 Section 1. Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 6343. Safety and security plans for nonsecure juvenile
10 facilities.

11 (a) General rule.--The department shall develop, as a
12 condition of licensure, written safety and security plans for
13 all nonsecure juvenile facilities which the department
14 administers, maintains or operates, including facilities with
15 which the department contracts to house juveniles in a nonsecure
16 setting. The safety and security plans shall do all of the
17 following:

18 (1) Be developed with the local law enforcement agency
19 having jurisdiction over the nonsecure juvenile facility or,

1 in the absence of a local law enforcement agency, with the
2 Pennsylvania State Police having jurisdiction of the
3 nonsecure juvenile facility.

4 (2) Provide for notice in a reasonable amount of time,
5 not exceeding 24 hours, of an incident of escape involving a
6 juvenile resident of a nonsecure juvenile facility.

7 (3) Be approved and adopted by the local governing board
8 where the nonsecure juvenile facility is located.

9 (4) Be updated on an annual basis.

10 (b) Penalties.--Failure to develop or maintain safety and
11 security plans shall result in the following sanctions:

12 (1) Suspension or revocation of licensure by the
13 department.

14 (2) Fines imposed by the department in an amount of \$100
15 per day not to exceed \$5,000.

16 (c) Municipalities.--Municipalities shall continue to be
17 required to utilize all Statewide and countywide notification
18 systems to notify residents of the municipalities of an escape
19 from a nonsecure juvenile facility.

20 (d) Fines.--A fine imposed under subsection (b) (2) shall be
21 returned to the municipality in which the nonsecure juvenile
22 facility is located.

23 (e) Definition.--As used in this section, the term
24 "department" means the Department of Human Services of the
25 Commonwealth.

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