

CRIMES CODE (18 PA.C.S.) - CORRUPTION OF MINORS AND OFFENSE OF
SEXUAL ABUSE OF CHILDREN

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SB 260

AN ACT

Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in minors, further providing for corruption of minors; and for the offense of sexual abuse of children.

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

Section 1. Section 6301(a)(1) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

§ 6301. Corruption of minors.

(a) Offense defined.--

(1) [Whoever] **(i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii), whoever**, being of the age of 18 years and upwards, by any act corrupts or tends to corrupt the morals of any minor less than 18 years of age, or who aids, abets, entices or encourages any such minor in the commission of any crime, or who knowingly assists or encourages such minor in violating his or her parole or any order of court, commits a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(ii) Whoever, being of the age of 18 years and upwards, by any course of conduct in violation of Chapter 31 (relating to sexual offenses) corrupts or tends to corrupt the morals of any minor less than 18 years of age, or who aids, abets, entices or encourages any such minor in the commission of an offense under Chapter 31 commits a felony of the third degree.

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Section 2. Section 6312 of Title 18 is amended by adding a subsection to read:

§ 6312. Sexual abuse of children.

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(f.1) Criminal action.--

(1) A district attorney shall have the authority to investigate and to institute criminal proceedings for any violation of this section.

(2) In addition to the authority conferred upon the Attorney General by the act of October 15, 1980 (P.L.950, No.164), known as the Commonwealth Attorneys Act, the Attorney General shall have the authority to investigate and to institute criminal proceedings for any violation of this section or any series of violations of this section involving more than one county of this Commonwealth or involving any county of this Commonwealth and another state. No person charged with a violation of this section by the Attorney General shall have standing to challenge the authority of the Attorney General to investigate or prosecute the case, and, if any such challenge is made, the challenge shall be dismissed and no relief shall be available in the courts of this Commonwealth to the person making the challenge.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED--The 7th day of October, A.D. 2010.

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