

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE BILL

No. 180

Session of  
1985

INTRODUCED BY GREENLEAF, O'CONNELL, FISHER, SHUMAKER, HOWARD,  
KRATZER, SALVATORE, WENGER, HELFRICK, ANDREZESKI, HOPPER,  
PECORA, REIBMAN, O'PAKE AND ROCKS, JANUARY 22, 1985

AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, FEBRUARY 5, 1985

## AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled  
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the  
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the  
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative  
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,  
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or  
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or  
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative  
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and  
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative  
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,  
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the  
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive  
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of  
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and  
16 other assistants and employees in certain departments, boards,  
17 and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the  
18 number and compensation of the deputies and all other  
19 assistants and employees of certain departments, boards and  
20 commissions shall be determined," extending the limitations  
21 period for the filing of claims for crimes' victims  
22 compensation by ~~victims of child abuse~~ CHILD VICTIMS. <—

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

25 Section 1. Section 477.4(b) of the act of April 9, 1929  
26 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929,  
27 added July 9, 1976 (P.L.574, No.139), is amended to read:

1 Section 477.4. Filing of Claims for Compensation.--\* \* \*

2 (b) A claim must be filed not later than one year after the  
3 occurrence of the crime upon which the claim is based, or not  
4 later than one year after the death of the victim or intervenor:

5 Provided, however, That for good cause the board may extend the  
6 time for filing for a period not exceeding two years after such  
7 occurrence. ~~A claim for compensation for child abuse may be~~ <—

8 ~~filed as set forth above or at any time before the victim~~

9 ~~reaches the age of eighteen.~~ WHERE A CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION <—

10 INVOLVES BODILY INJURY SUFFERED BY A CHILD UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS

11 OF AGE CAUSED BY THE WRONGFUL ACT, OR NEGLIGENCE, OR UNLAWFUL

12 VIOLENCE, OR NEGLIGENCE OF THE CHILD'S PARENTS OR BY A PERSON

13 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHILD'S WELFARE, OR ANY INDIVIDUAL RESIDING

14 IN THE SAME HOME AS THE CHILD, OR A PARAMOUR OF THE CHILD'S

15 PARENT, THE PERIOD OF MINORITY SHALL NOT BE DEEMED A PORTION OF

16 THE TIME PERIOD WITHIN WHICH THE CLAIM MUST BE COMMENCED, BUT

17 RATHER THE PERSON SHALL HAVE THE SAME TIME FOR FILING A CLAIM

18 AFTER ATTAINING MAJORITY AS IS ALLOWED TO OTHERS BY THE

19 PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION.

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21 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.