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INTRODUCED BY STEVENS, KOSINSKI, ARGALL, WOGAN, CIMINI, GANNON  
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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the  
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for  
3 public availability of certain information concerning  
4 children.

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

7 Section 1. Section 6308(b) of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 6308. Law enforcement records.

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11 (b) Public availability.--

12 [(1) The contents of law enforcement records and files  
13 concerning a child shall not be disclosed to the public  
14 except if the child is 14 or more years of age at the time of  
15 the alleged conduct and if:

16 (i) the child has been adjudicated delinquent by a  
17 court as a result of an act or acts which include the  
18 elements of rape, kidnapping, murder, robbery, arson,

1 burglary or other act involving the use of or threat of  
2 serious bodily harm; or

3 (ii) a petition alleging delinquency has been filed  
4 by a law enforcement agency alleging that the child has  
5 committed an act or acts which include the elements of  
6 rape, kidnapping, murder, robbery, arson, burglary or  
7 other act involving the use of or threat of serious  
8 bodily harm and the child previously has been adjudicated  
9 delinquent by a court as a result of an act or acts which  
10 included the elements of one of such crimes.

11 (2) If the conduct of the child meets the requirements  
12 for disclosure as set forth in paragraph (1), then the court  
13 or law enforcement agency, as the case may be, shall disclose  
14 the name, age and address of the child, the offenses charged  
15 and the disposition of the case. The master or judge who  
16 adjudicates a child delinquent shall specify the particular  
17 offenses and counts thereof which the child is found to have  
18 committed and such information shall be inserted on any law  
19 enforcement records or files disclosed to the public as  
20 provided for in this section.] The names of all children  
21 taken into custody for acts that constitute a felony or  
22 misdemeanor shall be made available to the public and members  
23 of the news media.

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