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AND KENNEY, MAY 9, 1988

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MAY 9, 1988

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for grading of  
3 simple assault and for endangering welfare of children.

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

6 Section 1. Sections 2701(b) and 4304 of Title 18 of the  
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

8 § 2701. Simple assault.

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10 (b) Grading.--Simple assault is a misdemeanor of the second  
11 degree unless committed:

12 (1) in a fight or scuffle entered into by mutual  
13 consent, in which case it is a misdemeanor of the third  
14 degree;

15 (2) against a child under 12 years of age by an adult 21  
16 years of age or older, in which case it is a misdemeanor of  
17 the first degree.

1 § 4304. Endangering welfare of children.

2 A parent, guardian, or other person supervising the welfare  
3 of a child under 18 years of age commits a misdemeanor of the  
4 [second] first degree if he knowingly endangers the welfare of  
5 the child by violating a duty of care, protection or support.

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