

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1123 Session of
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BELARDI AND FOX, APRIL 11, 1989

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 11, 1989

AN ACT

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

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

6 Section 1. Section 4304 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes, amended December 19, 1988 (P.L.1275,
8 No.158), is amended to read:

9 § 4304. Endangering welfare of children.

10 (a) Offense defined.--A parent, guardian, or other person
11 supervising the welfare of a child under 18 years of age commits
12 [a misdemeanor of the first degree] an offense if he knowingly
13 endangers the welfare of the child by violating a duty of care,
14 protection or support.

15 (b) Grading.--An offense under this section constitutes a

1 misdemeanor of the second degree. However, where there is a
2 protracted pattern or multiple incidents of endangering the
3 welfare of the child, the offense shall constitute a felony of
4 the third degree.

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