

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of August 14, 1967 (P.L.239, No.91), entitled  
2 "An act relating to gross physical neglect of, or injury to,  
3 children under eighteen years of age; requiring reports in  
4 such cases by examining physicians or heads of institutions  
5 to county public child welfare agencies; imposing powers and  
6 duties on county public child welfare agencies based on such  
7 reports; and providing penalties," providing for appeals, and  
8 for disclosure of reports under certain circumstances.

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

11 Section 1. The act of August 14, 1967 (P.L.239, No.91),  
12 entitled "An act relating to gross physical neglect of, or  
13 injury to, children under eighteen years of age; requiring  
14 reports in such cases by examining physicians or heads of  
15 institutions to county public child welfare agencies; imposing  
16 powers and duties on county public child welfare agencies based  
17 on such reports; and providing penalties," is amended by adding  
18 a section to read:

19 Section 5.1. Appeal.--Any person who is accused of neglect  
20 of, or injury to, any child shall have the right to appeal the  
21 report to the county welfare agency and the Juvenile Court. If,

1 after a hearing, the agency or Juvenile Court determines that  
2 such person is not guilty of neglect or injury to any child then  
3 the records of such case shall be expunged.

4 Section 2. Section 6 of the act is amended to read:

5 Section 6. Registers.--Each county public child welfare  
6 agency shall maintain and keep up-to-date a register of all  
7 cases reported to it under this act and including the final  
8 disposition thereof. Each county public child welfare agency  
9 shall transmit a copy of each such report to the Department of  
10 Public Welfare which shall maintain and keep up-to-date a  
11 statewide central register of all reports made in the State.  
12 Each child welfare agency shall, upon request, make such report  
13 available to the parents or guardian of any child who was  
14 reported as neglected or injured, or to any person who is  
15 accused of neglect of or injury to any child.