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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY BLAUM, HAGARTY, CALTAGIRONE, HECKLER, MAIALE,  
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CIVERA, BATTISTO, STEELMAN, COY, KAISER, TIGUE, STABACK,  
HASAY, NICKOL, DeLUCA, NAHILL, SAURMAN, CORNELL, M. N. WRIGHT  
AND TELEK, MARCH 18, 1991

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 18, 1991

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the  
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the  
3 inspection of court files and records.

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

6 Section 1. Section 6307 of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 6307. Inspection of court files and records.

9 All files and records of the court in a proceeding under this  
10 chapter are open to inspection only by:

11 (1) The judges, officers and professional staff of the  
12 court.

13 (2) The parties to the proceeding and their counsel and  
14 representatives, but the persons in this category shall not  
15 be permitted to see reports revealing the names of

1 confidential sources of information contained in social  
2 reports, except at the discretion of the court.

3 (3) A public or private agency or institution providing  
4 supervision or having custody of the child under order of the  
5 court.

6 (4) A court and its probation and other officials or  
7 professional staff and the attorney for the defendant for use  
8 in preparing a presentence report in a criminal case in which  
9 the defendant is convicted and who prior thereto had been a  
10 party to a proceeding under this chapter.

11 (5) A judge or issuing authority for use in determining  
12 bail.

13 [(5)] (6) The Administrative Office of Pennsylvania  
14 Courts.

15 [(6)] (7) With leave of court, any other person or  
16 agency or institution having a legitimate interest in the  
17 proceedings or in the work of the unified judicial system.

18 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.