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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGING AND YOUTH, FEBRUARY 11, 1997

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for information on
3 child-care personnel.

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

6 Section 1. Section 6344(a) and (j) of Title 23 of the
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

8 § 6344. Information relating to prospective child-care
9 personnel.

10 (a) Applicability.--

11 (1) This section applies to all [prospective] of the
12 following:

13 (i) Prospective employees of child-care services[,
14 prospective].

15 (ii) Prospective foster parents[, prospective].

1 (iii) Prospective adoptive parents[, prospective].

2 (iv) Prospective self-employed family day-care
3 providers [and other].

4 (v) Other persons seeking to provide child-care
5 services under contract with a child-care facility or
6 program.

7 (vi) Individuals providing care for a child in lieu
8 of care by a parent or guardian for part of a day, either
9 in the individual's home or in the home of the parent or
10 guardian, if:

11 (A) the care is funded by Federal or State
12 money; and

13 (B) the individual providing the care is not
14 subject to approval or supervision under Article IX
15 or X of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21),
16 known as the Public Welfare Code.

17 (2) This section does not apply to administrative or
18 other support personnel unless their duties will involve
19 direct contact with children.

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21 (j) Voluntary and nonstatutory certification of child
22 caretakers.--

23 (1) The department shall develop a procedure for the
24 voluntary certification of child caretakers to allow persons
25 to apply to the department for a certificate indicating the
26 person has met the requirements of subsection (b). The
27 department shall also provide for the biennial
28 recertification of child caretakers.

29 (2) The department shall develop a procedure for the
30 certification of individuals under subsection (a)(1)(vi).

1 Certification under this paragraph indicates that the
2 individual has met the requirements of subsection (b).

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