

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE BILL

No. 386 Session of  
1999INTRODUCED BY GREENLEAF, HOLL, LEMMOND AND WAUGH,  
FEBRUARY 11, 1999

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, OCTOBER 10, 2000

## AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the  
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for child-care  
3 facilities at county judicial centers or courthouses.

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

6 Section 1. Section 3721 of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:  
8 § 3721. County judicial center or courthouse.

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10 (c) Child-care facilities.--

11 (1) A county judicial center or courthouse may provide a  
12 child-care facility for use by children whose parents or  
13 guardians are present at the county judicial center or  
14 courthouse for a court appearance or other matter related to  
15 any civil or criminal action where the person's presence has  
16 been requested or is necessary. The child-care facility must  
17 be located within or easily accessible to the county judicial  
18 center or courthouse. If the facilities of the county

1 judicial center are located at multiple sites, each site may  
2 provide a child-care facility.

3 (2) If a child-care facility is provided under paragraph  
4 (1):

5 (i) The child-care facility ~~is~~ SHALL BE licensed and <—  
6 operated pursuant to Article X of the act of June 13,  
7 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code,  
8 and regulations of the Department of Public Welfare.

9 (ii) In addition to any other court cost or filing  
10 fee authorized to be collected by law, an additional fee  
11 of \$5 shall be charged and collected by the prothonotary,  
12 clerk of orphans' court and register of wills of the  
13 county or by any official designated to perform the  
14 functions thereof for the initiation of any civil action  
15 or legal proceeding.

16 (iii) In addition to any other court cost or filing  
17 fee authorized to be collected by law, an additional fee  
18 of \$5 shall be charged and collected by the clerk of  
19 courts of the county or by any official designated to  
20 perform the functions thereof for the initiation of any  
21 criminal proceeding for which a fee, charge or cost  
22 authorized on the effective date of this subsection and  
23 for which a conviction is obtained or guilty plea is  
24 entered.

25 (3) The additional fees collected under paragraph (2)  
26 shall be deposited into a segregated fund established by the  
27 county for the purposes of providing for the start-up and  
28 daily operating costs, excluding capital costs, of a child-  
29 care facility under this section.

30 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 90 days.