

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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PAYNE, SAINATO, SURRA, THOMAS, WASHINGTON, WOJNAROSKI AND
YOUNGBLOOD, NOVEMBER 24, 2003

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, NOVEMBER 24, 2003

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, providing for a KIDS First registration plate and
3 for payments to and grants from the Children's Trust Fund.

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

6 Section 1. Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 1361. KIDS First registration plate.

9 The department, in consultation with the Children's Trust
10 Fund Board, established under the act of December 15, 1988
11 (P.L.1235, No.151), known as the Children's Trust Fund Act,
12 shall design a special KIDS First registration plate. Upon
13 application of any person, accompanied by a fee of \$35 which
14 shall be in addition to the annual registration fee, the
15 department shall issue the plate for a passenger car, motor
16 home, trailer or truck with a gross vehicle weight rating of not

1 more than 9,000 pounds.

2 Section 2. Section 1905 of Title 75 is amended by adding a
3 subsection to read:

4 § 1905. Payments to special funds.

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6 (d) Children's Trust Fund and grants to county children and
7 youth programs.--

8 (1) Fifteen dollars of each fee received under section
9 1361 (relating to KIDS First registration plate) shall be
10 credited to the Children's Trust Fund established under the
11 act of December 15, 1988 (P.L.1235, No.151), known as the
12 Children's Trust Fund Act.

13 (2) The money collected under this subsection and
14 credited to the Children's Trust Fund shall be designated as
15 demonstration grants to county children and youth programs
16 for community-based child abuse and neglect prevention
17 services, except that grants made from funds made available
18 under this subsection shall not be subject to the usual local
19 match requirements of the Children's Trust Fund and family
20 support services. In addition to specific programs identified
21 as eligible for grants under the Children's Trust Fund Act,
22 services funded by money collected under this subsection
23 shall also include the development of court-appointed special
24 advocate programs for children, otherwise known as CASA.

25 (3) In order to qualify for a grant funded by money
26 collected under this subsection, a county children and youth
27 agency must demonstrate to the Children's Trust Fund Board
28 that the services reflect the unmet needs of children and
29 families in the community, that the programs contribute to
30 the coordination of local services for children and families

1 and that the program could not be funded through existing
2 Federal or State programs.

3 (4) To the fullest extent possible, the Children's Trust
4 Fund Board shall ensure the equitable geographic distribution
5 of the funds to county children and youth programs across
6 this Commonwealth.

7 (5) The State Treasurer shall not honor any requisition
8 for expenditures by the Children's Trust Fund Board funded by
9 money collected under this subsection in excess of estimates
10 approved by the Governor.

11 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 90 days.