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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 24, 2006

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for information relating to  
3 prospective host families.

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

6 Section 1. Title 23 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 6344.1. Information relating to prospective host families.

9 (a) Investigation.--In addition to the requirements set  
10 forth in the United States Department of State regulations, a  
11 sponsor shall require all members of a family hosting an  
12 exchange visitor who are at least 18 years of age to submit to  
13 all requirements set forth in section 6344(b) (relating to  
14 information relating to prospective child-care personnel).

15 (b) Grounds for denial.--A sponsor shall deny a family the  
16 ability to host an exchange visitor if any of the criteria

1 listed in section 6344(c) apply to any member of the prospective  
2 host family who is at least 18 years of age.

3 (c) Applicability.--This section applies to the sponsor of a  
4 person who applies to provide care, guidance and supervision in  
5 the person's home to an exchange visitor.

6 (d) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
7 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
8 subsection:

9 "Exchange visitor." A person who is under 18 years of age,  
10 is a foreign national, has been selected by a sponsor to  
11 participate in an exchange visitor program and seeks to enter or  
12 has entered the United States temporarily on a J-1 visa.

13 "Exchange visitor program." An international exchange  
14 program administered by the United States Department of State.

15 "Sponsor." A legal entity designated by the Secretary of  
16 State of the United States Department of State to conduct an  
17 exchange visitor program.

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