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SIPTROTH, STABACK, TANGRETTI AND YOUNGBLOOD, APRIL 27, 2006

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 27, 2006

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for release of
3 information in confidential reports and for investigation of
4 reports of suspected child abuse by county agencies.

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

7 Section 1. Section 6340(a) of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph to read:
9 § 6340. Release of information in confidential reports.

10 (a) General rule.--Reports specified in section 6339
11 (relating to confidentiality of reports) shall only be made
12 available to:

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14 (16) The employer of a child-care service employee,
15 service provider, administrator or school employee who has
16 been determined to be the perpetrator of a founded or
17 indicated report of child abuse. Information permitted to be
18 released to an employer under this paragraph shall be limited

1 to the final status of the child abuse report following the
2 investigation.

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4 Section 2. Section 6368 of Title 23 is amended by adding a
5 subsection to read:

6 § 6368. Investigation of reports.

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8 (e) Notice of founded or indicated report to certain
9 employers.--Where the county agency determines that a complaint
10 of suspected abuse is a founded or indicated report involving a
11 perpetrator who is a child-care service employee, service
12 provider, administrator or school employee, the county agency
13 shall notify the employer, if the identity of the employer is
14 known to the county agency, in writing of the existence of the
15 founded or indicated report.

16 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.