

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE BILL

No. 845 Session of  
2005INTRODUCED BY CORMAN, GREENLEAF, LEMMOND AND RAFFERTY,  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2005SENATOR TOMLINSON, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL  
LICENSURE, AS AMENDED, NOVEMBER 15, 2005

## AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for court-appointed child  
3 custody health care OR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH practitioners. <—

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 ~~§ 5315. Court appointed child custody health care~~ <—  
9 ~~practitioners.~~

10 ~~No party to a child custody matter in which the court~~  
11 ~~appointed a licensed health care practitioner to assist the~~  
12 ~~court in determining or implementing a child custody agreement~~  
13 ~~may be permitted to file a complaint against the licensed health~~  
14 ~~care practitioner with the practitioner's State licensing board~~  
15 ~~during the pendency of the matter and for 60 days thereafter.~~

16 ~~§ 5315. COURT-APPOINTED CHILD CUSTODY HEALTH CARE OR BEHAVIORAL~~ <—  
17 ~~HEALTH PRACTITIONERS.~~

18 ~~NO PARTY TO A CHILD CUSTODY MATTER IN WHICH THE COURT HAS~~

1 APPOINTED A LICENSED HEALTH CARE OR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
2 PRACTITIONER TO ASSIST THE COURT BY CONDUCTING AN EXAMINATION OR  
3 EVALUATION OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED OR MAKING A RECOMMENDATION  
4 CONCERNING A CHILD CUSTODY AGREEMENT OR ORDER MAY BE PERMITTED  
5 TO FILE A COMPLAINT AGAINST THE PRACTITIONER WITH THE  
6 PRACTITIONER'S STATE LICENSING BOARD PRIOR TO THE FINAL  
7 AGREEMENT OR ORDER BEING ISSUED AND FOR 60 DAYS THEREAFTER. AS  
8 USED IN THIS SECTION, "LICENSED HEALTH CARE OR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
9 PRACTITIONER" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS LICENSED, CERTIFIED,  
10 ACCREDITED OR OTHERWISE REGULATED BY THE COMMONWEALTH TO PROVIDE  
11 HEALTH CARE OR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES.

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