THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 818

Session of 2011

INTRODUCED BY BAKER, YUDICHAK, ARGALL, BROWNE, COSTA, ERICKSON, FERLO, FONTANA, GREENLEAF, McILHINNEY, RAFFERTY, SMUCKER, WASHINGTON, WOZNIAK, YAW, PILEGGI, WILLIAMS AND FARNESE, MARCH 11, 2011

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AMENDMENTS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, MARCH 12, 2012

AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
- 2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in juvenile matters,
- further providing for disposition of delinquent child.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Section 6352 of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
- 7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:
- 8 § 6352. Disposition of delinquent child.
- 9 * * *
- 10 (c) Required statement of reasons. -- Prior to entering an
- 11 order of disposition under subsection (a), the court shall state
- 12 its disposition and the reasons for its disposition on the
- 13 record in open court, together with the goals, terms and
- 14 conditions of that disposition. If the child is to be committed
- 15 to out-of-home placement, the court shall also state the name of
- 16 the specific facility, or type of facility, to which the child

- 1 will be committed and its findings and conclusions of law that
- 2 <u>formed the basis of its decision consistent with subsection (a)</u>
- 3 and section 6301, including the reasons why commitment to that
- 4 <u>facility</u>, or type of facility, was determined to be the least
- 5 restrictive placement that is consistent with the protection of
- 6 the public interest and best suited to the child's treatment,
- 7 <u>supervision</u>, rehabilitation and welfare.
- 8 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.