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AN ACT

- Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in child protective services, further providing for definitions; providing for advanced 3 communication technologies and for regulations; further providing for persons required to report suspected child abuse, for reporting procedure, for photographs, medical 6 tests and X-rays of child subject to report, for 7 establishment of Statewide toll-free telephone number, for 8 continuous availability of Department of Public Welfare and 9 for disposition of complaints received; providing for 10 responsibility for investigation; and further providing for 11 information in Statewide central register and, for continuous <--12 availability to receive reports AND FOR EDUCATION AND 13 <--14 TRAINING.
- 15 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 16 hereby enacts as follows:
- 17 Section 1. Section 6303(a) of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania
- 18 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding definitions to read:
- 19 § 6303. Definitions.
- 20 (a) General rule. -- The following words and phrases when used
- 21 in this chapter shall have the meanings given to them in this

- 1 section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 2 * * *
- 3 "Advanced communication technologies." The transfer of
- 4 <u>information in whole or in part by technology having electrical</u>,
- 5 digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic, photo
- 6 <u>electronic or photo-optical systems or similar capabilities. The</u>
- 7 term includes, but is not limited to, e-mail, Internet
- 8 communication or other means of electronic transmission.
- 9 * * *
- 10 "Mandated reporter." A person required to report suspected
- 11 child abuse under section 6311 (relating to persons required to
- 12 <u>report suspected child abuse).</u>
- 13 * * *
- 14 Section 2. Title 23 is amended by adding sections to read:
- 15 § 6304. Advanced communication technologies.
- 16 <u>(a) Departmental procedures.--The department shall establish</u>
- 17 procedures for the secure and confidential use of advanced
- 18 communication technologies for the transmission of information
- 19 under this chapter, including:
- 20 (1) the filing of reports and other required records;
- 21 and
- 22 (2) the verification of records and signatures on forms.
- 23 (b) Confirmation of reports.--A confirmation by the
- 24 department of the receipt of a report of suspected child abuse
- 25 submitted by advanced communication technologies shall relieve
- 26 the person making the report of making an additional oral or
- 27 <u>written report of suspected child abuse.</u>
- 28 (C) LIMITATION.--THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT ACCEPT ANONYMOUS <--
- 29 REPORTS OF SUSPECTED ABUSE SUBMITTED THROUGH ADVANCED
- 30 COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES. REPORTS SUBMITTED THROUGH ADVANCED

- 1 COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES SHALL INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE PERSON
- 2 MAKING THE REPORT AND A VALID TELEPHONE NUMBER WHERE THE PERSON
- 3 MAKING THE REPORT CAN BE REASONABLY CONTACTED. IF AN ANONYMOUS
- 4 REPORT IS RECEIVED THROUGH ADVANCED COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES,
- 5 OR THE REPORT DOES NOT CONTAIN A VALID TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR THE
- 6 PERSON MAKING THE REPORT, NO INVESTIGATION OF THE REPORT IS
- 7 REQUIRED.
- 8 (c) (D) Effect on other law.--

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- 9 <u>(1) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to</u>
- supersede the provisions of the act of December 16, 1999
- 11 (P.L.971, No.69), known as the Electronic Transactions Act.
- 12 (2) Any procedures developed by the department under
- this section shall comply with all applicable Federal and
- 14 <u>State laws regarding the confidentiality of personally</u>
- 15 identifiable information.
- 16 (E) IMPLEMENTATION. -- THE DEPARTMENT SHALL IMPLEMENT THIS
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- 17 <u>SECTION WITHIN THREE YEARS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS</u>
- 18 <u>SECTION</u>.
- 19 § 6305. Regulations.
- The department shall promulgate regulations necessary to
- 21 implement this chapter.
- 22 Section 3. Sections 6311(c), 6313, 6314, 6332(a), 6333 and
- 23 6334 of Title 23 are amended to read:
- 24 § 6311. Persons required to report suspected child abuse.
- 25 * * *
- 26 (c) Staff members of institutions, etc.--Whenever a person
- 27 is required to report under subsection (b) in the capacity as a
- 28 member of the staff of a medical or other public or private
- 29 institution, school, facility or agency, that person shall
- 30 report in accordance with section 6313 and shall immediately

- 1 notify the person in charge of the institution, school, facility
- 2 or agency or the designated agent of the person in charge. Upon
- 3 notification, the person in charge or the designated agent, if
- 4 any, shall assume the responsibility [and have the legal
- 5 obligation to report or cause a report to be made in accordance
- 6 with section 6313] for facilitating the cooperation of the
- 7 <u>institution</u>, school, facility or agency with the investigation <--
- 8 of the report. This chapter does not require more than one
- 9 report from any such institution, school, facility or agency.
- 10 * * *
- 11 § 6313. Reporting procedure.
- 12 [(a) General rule. -- Reports from persons required to report
- 13 under section 6311 (relating to persons required to report
- 14 suspected child abuse) shall be made immediately by telephone
- 15 and in writing within 48 hours after the oral report.
- 16 (b) Oral reports.--Oral reports shall be made to the
- 17 department pursuant to Subchapter C (relating to powers and
- 18 duties of department) and may be made to the appropriate county
- 19 agency. When oral reports of suspected child abuse are initially
- 20 received at the county agency, the protective services staff
- 21 shall, after seeing to the immediate safety of the child and
- 22 other children in the home, immediately notify the department of
- 23 the receipt of the report, which is to be held in the pending
- 24 complaint file as provided in Subchapter C. The initial child
- 25 abuse report summary shall be supplemented with a written report
- 26 when a determination is made as to whether a report of suspected
- 27 child abuse is a founded report, an unfounded report or an
- 28 indicated report.
- 29 (c) Written reports.--Written reports from persons required
- 30 to report under section 6311 shall be made to the appropriate

- 1 county agency in a manner and on forms the department prescribes
- 2 by regulation. The written reports shall include the following
- 3 information if available:
- 4 (1) The names and addresses of the child and the parents
- or other person responsible for the care of the child if
- 6 known.
- 7 (2) Where the suspected abuse occurred.
- 8 (3) The age and sex of the subjects of the report.
- 9 (4) The nature and extent of the suspected child abuse,
- 10 including any evidence of prior abuse to the child or
- 11 siblings of the child.
- 12 (5) The name and relationship of the person or persons
- responsible for causing the suspected abuse, if known, and
- any evidence of prior abuse by that person or persons.
- 15 (6) Family composition.
- 16 (7) The source of the report.
- 17 (8) The person making the report and where that person
- 18 can be reached.
- 19 (9) The actions taken by the reporting source, including
- 20 the taking of photographs and X-rays, removal or keeping of
- 21 the child or notifying the medical examiner or coroner.
- 22 (10) Any other information which the department may
- 23 require by regulation.
- 24 (d) Failure to confirm oral report.--The failure of a person
- 25 reporting cases of suspected child abuse to confirm an oral
- 26 report in writing within 48 hours shall not relieve the county
- 27 agency from any duties prescribed by this chapter. In such
- 28 event, the county agency shall proceed as if a written report
- 29 were actually made.]
- 30 (a) Report by mandated reporter.--

- 1 (1) A report of suspected child abuse by or on behalf of <--
- 2 <u>a mandated reporter shall be made immediately to the</u>
- 3 <u>department by telephone or advanced communication</u>
- 4 <u>technologies.</u>
- 5 (2) A mandated reporter making an oral report of
- 6 <u>suspected child abuse shall also make a report in writing or</u>
- 7 <u>by advanced communication technologies within 48 hours to the</u>
- 8 <u>county agency assigned to the case in a manner and format</u>
- 9 <u>that the department prescribes by regulation.</u>
- 10 (3) The failure of the mandated reporter to file the
- 11 report in writing or by advanced communication technologies
- 12 <u>as set forth in paragraph (2) shall not relieve the county</u>
- agency from any duty under this chapter, and the county
- 14 agency shall proceed as though the mandated reporter complied
- with paragraph (2).
- 16 (b) Permissive report. -- A report of suspected child abuse by
- 17 <u>a person under section 6312 (relating to persons permitted to </u>
- 18 report suspected child abuse) may be made orally or by advanced <--
- 19 communication technologies to the department or county agency or
- 20 to law enforcement.
- 21 (c) Contents of report. -- A report of suspected child abuse
- 22 that is made in writing or by advanced communication
- 23 technologies shall include the following information, if known:
- 24 (1) The names and addresses of the child, the child's
- 25 <u>parents and any other person responsible for the child's</u>
- welfare.
- 27 (2) Where the suspected abuse occurred.
- 28 (3) The age and sex of each subject of the report.
- 29 <u>(4) The nature and extent of the suspected child abuse,</u>
- 30 including any evidence of prior abuse to the child or any

- 1 <u>sibling of the child.</u>
- 2 (5) The name and relationship of each individual
- 3 <u>responsible for causing the suspected abuse and any evidence</u>
- 4 <u>of prior abuse by each such individual.</u>
- 5 <u>(6) Family composition.</u>
- 6 <u>(7) The source of the report.</u>
- 7 (8) The person making the report and where that person <--
- 8 <u>can be reached.</u> NAME, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND E-MAIL ADDRESS OF <--
- 9 THE PERSON MAKING THE REPORT.
- 10 (9) The actions taken by the person making the report,
- 11 <u>including those actions taken under section 6314 (relating to</u>
- 12 <u>photographs, medical tests and X-rays of child subject to</u>
- 13 report), 6315 (relating to taking child into protective
- custody), 6316 (relating to admission to private and public
- 15 <u>hospitals</u>) or 6317 (relating to mandatory reporting and
- 16 <u>postmortem investigation of deaths</u>).
- 17 (10) Any other information that the department requires
- 18 by regulation.
- 19 § 6314. Photographs, medical tests and X-rays of child subject
- to report.
- 21 A person or official required to report cases of suspected
- 22 child abuse may take or cause to be taken photographs of the
- 23 child who is subject to a report and, if clinically indicated,
- 24 cause to be performed a radiological examination and other
- 25 medical tests on the child. Medical summaries or reports of the
- 26 photographs, X-rays and relevant medical tests taken shall be
- 27 sent to the county agency at the time the written report is sent
- 28 or within 48 hours after a report is made by advanced
- 29 <u>communication technologies</u> or as soon thereafter as possible.
- 30 The county agency shall have access to actual photographs or

- 1 duplicates and X-rays and may obtain them or duplicates of them
- 2 upon request.
- 3 § 6332. Establishment of Statewide toll-free telephone number.
- 4 (a) General rule. -- The department shall establish a single
- 5 Statewide toll-free telephone number that all persons, whether
- 6 mandated by law or not, may use to report cases of suspected
- 7 child abuse. A county agency or law enforcement personnel shall
- 8 use the Statewide toll-free telephone number or advanced
- 9 <u>communication technologies</u> for determining the existence of
- 10 prior founded or indicated reports of child abuse in the
- 11 Statewide central register or reports under investigation in the
- 12 pending complaint file.
- 13 * * *
- 14 § 6333. Continuous availability of department.
- The department shall be capable of receiving oral reports of
- 16 child abuse [made] and reports made by advanced communication
- 17 <u>technologies</u> pursuant to this chapter, reports under section
- 18 6353.2 (relating to responsibilities of county agency) and
- 19 report summaries of child abuse from county agencies and shall
- 20 be capable of immediately identifying prior reports of child
- 21 abuse and prior reports of abuse or injury under Subchapter C.1
- 22 (relating to students in public and private schools) in the
- 23 Statewide central register and reports under investigation in
- 24 the pending complaint file and of monitoring the provision of
- 25 child protective services 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- 26 § 6334. Disposition of complaints received.
- [(a) Notice to county agency. -- Upon receipt of a complaint
- 28 of suspected child abuse, the department shall immediately
- 29 transmit orally to the appropriate county agency notice that the
- 30 complaint of suspected child abuse has been received and the

- 1 substance of the complaint. If the Statewide central register or
- 2 the pending complaint file contains information indicating a
- 3 prior report or a current investigation concerning a subject of
- 4 the report, the department shall immediately notify the
- 5 appropriate county agency of this fact. The appropriate county
- 6 agency shall mean the agency in the county where the suspected
- 7 child abuse occurred. If the residency of the subjects is a
- 8 factor that requires the cooperation of more than one county
- 9 agency, the department shall develop regulations to ensure the
- 10 cooperation of those agencies in carrying out the requirements
- 11 of this chapter.
- 12 (b) Referral for services or investigation.--If the
- 13 complaint received does not suggest suspected child abuse but
- 14 does suggest a need for social services or other services or
- 15 investigation, the department shall transmit the information to
- 16 the county agency or other public agency for appropriate action.
- 17 The information shall not be considered a child abuse report
- 18 unless the agency to which the information was referred has
- 19 reasonable cause to suspect after investigation that abuse
- 20 occurred. If the agency has reasonable cause to suspect that
- 21 abuse occurred, the agency shall notify the department, and the
- 22 initial complaint shall be considered to have been a child abuse
- 23 report.]
- 24 (a) Receipt of reports by county agencies and law
- 25 enforcement.--After ensuring MAKING REASONABLE EFFORTS TO ENSURE <--
- 26 the immediate safety of the child and any other child in the
- 27 <u>child's home, a county agency or law enforcement agency that</u>
- 28 <u>receives a report of suspected child abuse shall immediately</u>
- 29 <u>notify the department of the report. If the report is an oral</u>
- 30 report by telephone, the county agency or law enforcement agency

- 1 shall attempt to collect as much of the information listed in
- 2 <u>section 6313(c) (relating to reporting procedure) as possible</u>
- 3 and shall submit the information to the department within 48
- 4 hours through a report in writing or by advanced communication
- 5 <u>technologies</u>.
- 6 (b) Receipt of reports by department and referral to county
- 7 agency. -- The department shall immediately transmit an oral
- 8 notice or a notice by advanced communication technologies to the
- 9 county agency of the county where the suspected child abuse is
- 10 alleged to have occurred. The notice shall contain the following
- 11 information:
- 12 (1) That a complaint of suspected child abuse by a
- 13 <u>perpetrator has been received.</u>
- 14 <u>(2) The substance of the complaint.</u>
- 15 (3) The existence in the central register of a prior
- 16 <u>indicated or founded report or a current investigation</u>
- 17 concerning a subject of the report.
- 18 (c) Receipt of reports by department and referral to law
- 19 enforcement.--If the department receives a report of suspected
- 20 child abuse that also alleges that a criminal offense has been
- 21 committed against the child, the department shall immediately
- 22 transmit an oral notice or notice by advanced communication
- 23 technologies to law enforcement personnel in the county where
- 24 the suspected child abuse is alleged to have occurred. The
- 25 notice shall contain the following information, consistent with
- 26 section 6340(a)(9) and (10) (relating to release of information
- 27 in confidential reports):
- 28 (1) That a complaint of suspected child abuse has been
- 29 received.
- 30 (2) The substance of the complaint.

- 1 (3) The existence in the Statewide database under
- 2 section 6331 (relating to establishment of pending complaint
- 3 file, Statewide central register and file of unfounded
- 4 <u>reports</u>) of a prior founded or indicated report or a current
- 5 <u>investigation concerning a subject of the report.</u>
- 6 (d) Notice of joint referrals. -- When a report is referred to
- 7 the county agency under subsection (b) and is also referred to
- 8 <u>law enforcement personnel under subsection (c), the notice shall</u>
- 9 include information as to the name and contact information of
- 10 <u>any persons receiving the referral.</u>
- 11 (e) Ability of law enforcement to receive reports.--The
- 12 <u>district attorney of the county where the suspected child abuse</u>
- 13 <u>is alleged to have occurred shall designate three recipients to</u>
- 14 receive reports under subsection (c) and shall provide contact
- 15 <u>information for each recipient to the department for that</u>
- 16 purpose.
- 17 (f) Jurisdictional overlap. -- If the residency of any subject
- 18 of a report is a factor that requires the cooperation of more
- 19 than one county agency, the department shall develop regulations <--
- 20 PROCEDURES to ensure the cooperation of those agencies in <--
- 21 carrying out the requirements of this chapter.
- 22 (q) Referral for services or investigation. -- If the
- 23 complaint received does not suggest a need for protective
- 24 services but does suggest a need for social services or other
- 25 services or investigation, the department shall transmit the
- 26 information to the county agency or other public agency for
- 27 <u>appropriate action. The information shall not be considered a</u>
- 28 child abuse report unless the agency to which the information
- 29 was referred has reasonable cause to suspect after investigation
- 30 that abuse occurred. If the agency has reasonable cause to

- 1 suspect that abuse occurred, the agency shall notify the
- 2 department, and the initial complaint shall be considered to
- 3 <u>have been a child abuse report.</u>
- 4 [(c)] (h) Recording in pending complaint file. -- Upon receipt
- 5 of a complaint of suspected child abuse, the department shall
- 6 maintain a record of the complaint of suspected child abuse in
- 7 the pending complaint file. Upon receipt of a report under
- 8 section 6353.2 (relating to responsibilities of county agency),
- 9 the department shall maintain a record of the report in the
- 10 report file under section 6331 [(relating to establishment of
- 11 pending complaint file, Statewide central register and file of
- 12 unfounded reports)].
- [(d) Incidents occurring outside of this Commonwealth.--
- 14 (1) A report of suspected child abuse occurring in
- another state where the child victim is identified as a
- 16 resident of this Commonwealth and the other state child
- 17 protective services agency cannot investigate the report
- 18 because of statutory or policy limitations shall be assigned
- as a general protective services report to the county of the
- child's residence or as determined by the department.
- 21 (2) In addition to complying with the other requirements
- of this chapter and applicable regulations, a copy of the
- report shall be provided to the other state's child
- 24 protective services agency and, when applicable under
- 25 Pennsylvania law, to law enforcement officials where the
- 26 incident occurred.
- 27 (3) Reports and information under this subsection shall
- 28 be provided within seven calendar days of completion of the
- 29 general protective services assessment under section 6375
- 30 (relating to county agency requirements for general

- 1 protective services).]
- 2 (i) Child abuse in another state where child is resident of
- 3 <u>Commonwealth.--A report of suspected child abuse by a</u>
- 4 perpetrator occurring in another state shall be referred to the
- 5 county of the child's residence in this Commonwealth or other
- 6 county as determined by the department and shall be investigated
- 7 <u>as any other report of suspected child abuse by a perpetrator</u>
- 8 if:
- 9 (1) the child victim is identified as a resident of this
- 10 Commonwealth; and
- 11 (2) the other state's child protective services agency
- 12 <u>cannot investigate the report because of statutory or policy</u>
- 13 <u>limitations.</u>
- 14 (j) Child abuse in another state where alleged perpetrator
- 15 is resident of Commonwealth.--
- 16 (1) If the suspected child abuse occurs in a
- jurisdiction other than this Commonwealth and the alleged
- 18 perpetrator is identified as a resident of this Commonwealth,
- 19 the report or complaint of suspected child abuse shall be
- 20 referred to the county agency in the county of this
- 21 <u>Commonwealth where the alleged perpetrator resides.</u>
- 22 (2) The county agency shall:
- (i) contact NOTIFY the children and youth social <--
- 24 service agency of the jurisdiction in which the suspected
- 25 child abuse occurred; and
- 26 (ii) investigate the suspected child abuse, either <--
- 27 <u>alone or in concert with the other agency.</u> ASSIST THE
- OTHER AGENCY, IF REQUESTED.
- 29 Section 4. Title 23 is amended by adding a section to read:
- 30 § 6334.1. Responsibility for investigation.

- 1 The department shall establish procedures regarding the
- 2 following different responses to address suspected child abuse
- 3 and protective services depending on the person's allegedly
- 4 committing the suspected child abuse or causing a child to be in
- 5 <u>need of protective services:</u>
- 6 (1) If the suspected child abuse is alleged to have been
- 7 <u>committed by a perpetrator, the appropriate county agency</u>
- 8 <u>shall investigate the allegation as provided in this chapter.</u>
- 9 (2) If the suspected child abuse is alleged to have been
- 10 <u>committed by a perpetrator and the behavior constituting the</u>
- 11 <u>suspected child abuse may include a violation of a criminal</u>
- offense, the appropriate county agency and local law
- 13 <u>enforcement shall jointly investigate the allegation through</u>
- the investigative team established in section 6365(c)
- 15 <u>(relating to services for prevention, investigation and</u>
- treatment of child abuse) and as provided in this chapter.
- 17 (3) If the suspected child abuse is alleged to have been

committed by a person who is not a perpetrator, AND THE

- 19 <u>BEHAVIOR CONSTITUTING THE SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE MAY INCLUDE A</u>
- 20 VIOLATION OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE, local law enforcement and
- 21 the district attorney of the county where the suspected child
- abuse is alleged to have occurred shall be solely responsible
- for investigating the allegation. THE COUNTY AGENCY SHALL NOT <--
- 24 INVESTIGATE SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN
- 25 COMMITTED BY A PERSON WHO IS NOT A PERPETRATOR.
- 26 (4) If a child is alleged to be in need of other
- 27 <u>protective services, the appropriate county agency shall</u>
- assess the needs of the child as provided in this chapter.
- 29 Section 5. Sections 6336(c) and 6366 of Title 23 are amended
- 30 to read:

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- 1 § 6336. Information in Statewide central register.
- 2 * * *
- 3 (c) Limitation on release of information. -- Except as
- 4 provided in sections 6334, 6335, 6340 and 6342, no information
- 5 shall be released from the Statewide central register or pending
- 6 complaint file unless pursuant to section 6332 (relating to
- 7 establishment of Statewide toll-free telephone number) and
- 8 unless the department has positively identified the
- 9 representative of the county agency requesting the information
- 10 and the department has inquired into and is satisfied that the
- 11 representative has a legitimate need, within the scope of
- 12 official duties and the provisions of section 6332, to obtain
- 13 the information. Information in the Statewide central register
- 14 or pending complaint file shall not be released for any purpose
- 15 or to any individual not specified in section 6340. Nothing in
- 16 this section shall prohibit the department from accepting and
- 17 responding to requests for information made using advanced
- 18 communication technologies if the department has established
- 19 procedures for all of the following:
- 20 (1) Providing notice to the requester that access and
- 21 dissemination of the information is restricted as provided by
- this chapter.
- 23 (2) Electronically verifying the identity of the
- 24 requester.
- 25 (3) Obtaining an affirmation by the requester that the
- 26 request is within the scope of that person's official duties
- and the provisions of this chapter.
- 28 § 6366. Continuous availability to receive reports.
- 29 Each county agency shall receive 24 hours a day, seven days a
- 30 week, all reports, [both oral and written] including reports

- 1 submitted orally, in writing or by advanced communication
- 2 technologies, of suspected child abuse in accordance with this
- 3 chapter, the county plan for the provision of child protective
- 4 services and the regulations of the department.
- 5 SECTION 6. SECTION 6383 OF TITLE 23 IS AMENDED BY ADDING A <--
- 6 SUBSECTION TO READ:
- 7 § 6383. EDUCATION AND TRAINING.
- 8 * * *
- 9 (A.2) GUIDANCE FOR MANDATED AND PERMISSIVE REPORTERS.--
- 10 (1) IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (A),
- 11 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE SPECIFIC INFORMATION AND
- 12 GUIDANCE RELATED TO THE RECOGNITION AND REPORTING OF CHILD
- 13 ABUSE ON ITS INTERNET WEBSITE IN FORMS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT
- 14 LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:
- 15 <u>(I) WEBSITE CONTENT.</u>
- 16 (II) PRINTABLE BOOKLETS AND BROCHURES.
- 17 (III) EDUCATIONAL VIDEOS.
- 18 <u>(IV) INTERNET-BASED INTERACTIVE TRAINING EXERCISES.</u>
- 19 (2) GUIDANCE SHALL BE PERTINENT TO BOTH MANDATED AND
- 20 PERMISSIVE REPORTERS AND SHALL ADDRESS TOPICS, INCLUDING, BUT
- 21 NOT LIMITED TO:
- 22 (I) CONDUCT CONSTITUTING CHILD ABUSE AND EXCLUSIONS
- FROM CHILD ABUSE.
- 24 <u>(II) PERSONS CLASSIFIED AS MANDATED REPORTERS.</u>
- 25 (III) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES.
- 26 (IV) THE BASIS FOR MAKING A REPORT OF SUSPECTED
- 27 <u>CHILD ABUSE.</u>
- 28 (V) PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO REPORT.
- 29 (VI) BACKGROUND CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR
- 30 INDIVIDUALS WHO WORK OR VOLUNTEER WITH CHILDREN.

1	(VII) RECOGNITION OF THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF CHILD
2	ABUSE.
3	(VIII) ALTERNATIVE RESOURCES TO ASSIST WITH CONCERNS
4	NOT RELATED TO CHILD ABUSE.
5	(3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING
6	INFORMATION WITH ALL CERTIFICATIONS PROVIDED PURSUANT TO §
7	6344(B)(2) (RELATING TO INFORMATION RELATING TO PROSPECTIVE
8	<pre>CHILD-CARE PERSONNEL):</pre>
9	(I) INFORMATION THAT CERTAIN PERSONS ARE REQUIRED BY
10	LAW TO REPORT SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE.
11	(II) THE INTERNET ADDRESS WHERE THE INFORMATION AND
12	GUIDANCE REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION CAN BE OBTAINED.
13	(III) A TELEPHONE NUMBER AND MAILING ADDRESS WHERE
14	GUIDANCE MATERIALS CAN BE REQUESTED BY INDIVIDUALS WHO
15	CANNOT ACCESS THE DEPARTMENT'S INTERNET WEBSITE.
16	(4) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL IMPLEMENT THIS SUBSECTION
17	WITHIN 180 DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION.
18	* * *
19	Section $\frac{6}{7}$. This act shall take effect in 60 days.