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January 5, 2011

To: All Senators

From: Senator Robert M. Tomlinson

Subject: Co-Sponsorship Memo #1 – Endangering the Welfare of a Child

Please join me in co-sponsoring legislation which I am planning to reintroduce that would provide for stronger penalties for people who leave children unattended in vehicles by making it a third-degree felony to leave a child under age 13 in a motor vehicle without adult supervision. A third degree felony could result in a prison term of 3 ½ to 7 years and a fine of up to \$15,000. Under current law, leaving a child unattended is a misdemeanor of the first degree, unless there is a pattern of endangerment and then a third degree felony could be charged.

I plan to reintroduce this legislation as a result of several unfortunate incidents in my district last summer when adults left children unattended in cars at Parx Casino.

The information below indicates the prior session's bill number and cosponsors.

SB 1462 by Senators TOMLINSON , FARNESE, ALLOWAY, FONTANA , ERICKSON , TARTAGLIONE , RAFFERTY , VOGEL and WOZNIAK.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Mary Walmer at 787-5072 or [mwalmer@pasen.gov](mailto:mwalmer@pasen.gov).

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