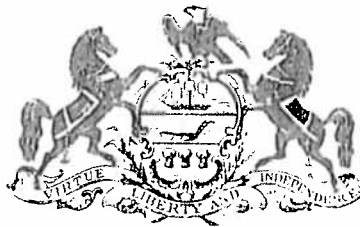


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TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Tom Killion 

DATE: January 12, 2011

SUBJECT: Proposed Legislation - Appeal Process for Employees of Juvenile Facilities
(former HB 1575)

In the near future I plan to reintroduce legislation that would expedite the appeal process for employees of a juvenile facility or a school who are named in reports of suspected child abuse in those facilities.

Currently, the appeal process takes almost a year to be resolved, many times in favor of the employee. The current system is creating an undue burden on our providers and their employees. This legislation will also make it a crime to intentionally make a false report of suspected child abuse against a school, private residential rehabilitative institution, detention facility, school employee, private residential rehabilitative institution employee or detention facility employee. Several facilities servicing adjudicated youth have indicated that many times false reports are raised by their clients as a means of retaliation. My legislation seeks to deter this type of behavior.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, contact Alison Hagler in my office at ahagler@pahousegop.com or 772-0855.

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