

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in child protective services, further
3 providing for employees having contact with children and
4 adoptive and foster parents.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 6344(a)(5) of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes, amended July 1, 2015 (P.L.94, No.15), is
9 amended to read:

10 § 6344. Employees having contact with children; adoptive and
11 foster parents.

12 (a) Applicability.--Beginning December 31, 2014, this
13 section applies to the following individuals:

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15 (5) (i) Except as provided under subparagraph (ii), an
16 individual 14 years of age or older who is applying for
17 or holding a paid position as an employee with a program,
18 activity or service, as a person responsible for the

1 child's welfare or having direct contact with children.

2 (ii) If the program, activity or service is an
3 internship, externship, work study, co-op or similar
4 program, an adult applying for or holding a paid position
5 with an employer that participates in the internship,
6 externship, work study, co-op or similar program with a
7 school and whom the employer and the school identify as
8 the child's supervisor and the person responsible for the
9 child's welfare while the child participates in the
10 program with the employer. The adult identified under
11 this subparagraph as the person responsible for the
12 child's welfare [is]:

13 (A) Is required to be in the immediate vicinity
14 at regular intervals with the child during the
15 program.

16 (B) Is not required to submit information under
17 subsection (b) if the child participating in the
18 program is at least 17 years of age.

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20 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.