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**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU**

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4 placement and visitation.

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

7 Section 1. Title 61 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 5908. Family consideration in placement and visitation.

10 (a) Placement.--To the greatest extent possible, after  
11 accounting for security and capacity factors, the department  
12 shall ensure that incarcerated mothers of a minor dependent  
13 shall be placed within 250 miles of their permanent address of  
14 record.

15 (b) Visitation.--The department shall authorize visitation  
16 by minor dependents, with the minimum following requirements:

17 (1) opportunities for dependent children under 18 years  
18 of age to visit their mother at least two days per week;

1           (2) elimination of restrictions on the number of  
2 dependent children under 18 years of age that may be  
3 permitted visitation privileges; and

4           (3) authorization of contact visits for mothers with  
5 low-security or minimum-security classifications.

6 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.