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2 Consolidated Statutes, in miscellaneous provisions relating
3 to inmate confinement, providing for family consideration in
4 placement and visitation.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:
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8 Section 1. Title 61 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
9 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:
10 § 5908. Family consideration in placement and visitation.
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12 (a) Placement.--To the greatest extent possible, after
13 accounting for security and capacity factors, the department
14 shall ensure that incarcerated mothers of a minor dependent
15 shall be placed within 250 miles of their permanent address of
16 record.
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18 (b) Visitation.--The department shall authorize visitation
19 by minor dependents, with the minimum following requirements:
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21 (1) opportunities for dependent children under 18 years
22 of age to visit their mother at least two days per week;
(2) elimination of restrictions on the number of dependent children under 18 years of age that may be permitted visitation privileges; and

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

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