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The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

hereby enacts as follows:

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

§ 5908. Overnight visitation program.
(a) Establishment.—The department shall establish a program
that allows children no older than 10 years of age to stay
overnight with the child's mother if the child's mother meets
the following qualifications:
(1) the mother was the primary caretaker parent of the
child or children prior to incarceration;
(2) the mother has not been convicted of a sex offense,
child abuse or child neglect; and
(3) any other qualifications the department finds.
necessary for participation in the program.

(b) Child visitation area.--The department shall establish a
secure area where both the mother and child can stay for the
duration of the overnight visit. The overnight area shall, at a
minimum, include:

(1) beds and bedding for both mother and child;
(2) games, toys or coloring books that both mother and
child may use; and
(3) any other items the department finds necessary to
keep both the mother and child comfortable during the visit.

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