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2 Consolidated Statutes, in miscellaneous provisions relating
3 to inmate confinement, providing for overnight visitation
4 program.

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. Overnight visitation program.

10 (a) Establishment.--The department shall establish a program
11 that allows children no older than 10 years of age to stay
12 overnight with the child's mother if the child's mother meets
13 the following qualifications:

14 (1) the mother was the primary caretaker parent of the
15 child or children prior to incarceration;

16 (2) the mother has not been convicted of a sex offense,
17 child abuse or child neglect; and

18 (3) any other qualifications the department finds

1 necessary for participation in the program.

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

6 (1) beds and bedding for both mother and child;

7 (2) games, toys or coloring books that both mother and
8 child may use; and

9 (3) any other items the department finds necessary to
10 keep both the mother and child comfortable during the visit.

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