
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1051 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY STEPHENS, MURT, POLINCHOCK, MILLARD, BERNSTINE,
SIMMONS AND TOOHIL, APRIL 5, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, APRIL 5, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in child protective services, further
3 providing for penalties.

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

6 Section 1. Section 6319(b) and (d) of Title 23 of the
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:
8 § 6319. Penalties.

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10 (b) Continuing course of action.--If a person's willful
11 failure under subsection (a) continues while the person knows or
12 has reasonable cause to believe the child is [actively] being
13 subjected to child abuse[,] or if the person knows or has
14 reasonable cause to believe the person who committed the child
15 abuse is likely to commit additional acts of child abuse, the
16 person commits a [misdemeanor of the first] felony of the third
17 degree, except that if the child abuse constitutes a felony of
18 the first degree or higher, the person commits a felony of the

1 [third] second degree.

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3 (d) Statute of limitations.--The statute of limitations for
4 an offense under [subsection (a)] this section shall be either
5 the statute of limitations for the crime committed against the
6 minor child or five years, whichever is greater.

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