

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2571 Session of  
1978

INTRODUCED BY McCLATCHY, LINCOLN, REED, O'CONNELL, ZORD, NOYE,  
MEBUS, DAVIES, LEHR, W. D. HUTCHINSON, BROWN, HALVERSON,  
FREIND, HELFRICK, J. L. WRIGHT JR., PYLES, KATZ, DiCARLO,  
CESSAR, VROON, E. Z. TAYLOR, POTT, GALLEN, COHEN, KNEPPER  
AND CIMINI, JUNE 13, 1978

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 13, 1978

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled  
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the  
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the  
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative  
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof  
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or  
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or  
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative  
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and  
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative  
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,  
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the  
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive  
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of  
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and  
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,  
17 and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the  
18 number and compensation of the deputies and all other  
19 assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and  
20 commissions shall be determined," prescribing certain powers  
21 and duties of the Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State  
22 Police concerning victims of criminal sexual conduct.

23 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
24 hereby enacts as follows:

25 Section 1. Section 711, act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177,  
26 No.175), known as "The Administrative Code of 1929," is amended

1 by adding a subsection to read:

2 Section 711. Commissioner of Pennsylvania State Police.--

3 \* \* \*

4 (c)(1) The Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police  
5 shall establish guidelines for the use of officers and  
6 investigators of the Pennsylvania State Police being trained in  
7 the procedure involved in the handling of criminal sexual  
8 conduct cases. He shall, after public hearings thereon,  
9 promulgate the same in the form of regulations outlining the  
10 steps to be taken from the initial contact with the victim, to  
11 the prosecution of the alleged offender and the means by which  
12 victims of such assaults can be assured, as each step is taken,  
13 that the procedure involved is not only necessary to protect  
14 others but also is being pursued with the utmost consideration  
15 for their physical and emotional well-being. The regulations  
16 shall include a standard form to be used by the Pennsylvania  
17 State Police to record the report of an alleged criminal sexual  
18 conduct by the victim and the evidence thereof.

19 (2) The Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police shall,  
20 through the instructional division of the Pennsylvania State  
21 Police Academy, assure himself that, prior to graduation from  
22 that institution, each student is certified as being familiar  
23 with the content and application of the regulations promulgated  
24 by him pursuant to the provisions of this subsection.

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