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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, clarifying the circumstances in which
3 child protective services must obtain information on prior
4 reports of child abuse.

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

7 Section 1. Section 6313(b) of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes, added December 19, 1990 (P.L.1240,
9 No.206), is amended to read:

10 § 6313. Reporting procedure.

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12 (b) Oral reports.--Oral reports shall be made to the
13 department pursuant to Subchapter C (relating to powers and
14 duties of department) and may be made to the appropriate child
15 protective service. When oral reports of suspected child abuse
16 are initially received at the child protective service, the
17 child protective service shall, after seeing to the immediate

1 safety of the child and other children in the home, immediately
2 notify the department of the receipt of the report, which is to
3 be held in the pending complaint file as provided in Subchapter
4 C. The child protective service shall notify the department of
5 each report in which the initial report, if proven, would
6 constitute child abuse. These would include those reports in
7 which the child protective service concludes, based on its
8 investigation conducted prior to notification of the department,
9 that the report of abuse is or will be unfounded. Whenever the
10 child protective service notifies the department of a report,
11 the child protective service shall obtain information regarding
12 whether there are any reports in the Statewide central register
13 or the pending complaint file containing information indicating
14 a prior report or a current investigation concerning a subject
15 of the report. If there are such records of prior reports, the
16 child protective service shall obtain the information permitted
17 to be released under section 6336(b) (relating to information in
18 Statewide central register). The initial child abuse report
19 summary shall be supplemented with a written report when a
20 determination is made as to whether a report of suspected child
21 abuse is a founded report, an unfounded report or an indicated
22 report.

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24 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 90 days.