

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 474 Session of
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BENNINGHOFF, BOSCOLA AND STERN, FEBRUARY 12, 1997

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 12, 1997

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, defining the offense of unlawful
3 contact with minor.

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

6 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 6316. Unlawful contact with minor.

9 (a) Offense defined.--Every person who knowingly contacts or
10 communicates with or attempts to contact or communicate with any
11 minor under 18 years of age, with knowledge or reason to know
12 that that person is a minor, for the purpose of or with intent
13 to:

14 (1) engage in any unlawful act upon or with any minor,
15 including child or sexual abuse, child pornography or a crime

1 of violence or theft;

2 (2) unlawfully interfere with custody or control over a
3 minor; or

4 (3) commit any other act for which any person can be
5 charged with a criminal offense under a Federal or State law;
6 commits a felony of the second degree.

7 (b) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "contacts
8 or communicates with" means direct and indirect contact or
9 communication, by any means, including in person or through an
10 agent or agency, and includes the use of any print medium, the
11 mails, a common carrier or communication common carrier, any
12 electronic communications system and any telecommunications,
13 wire, computer or radio communications device or system.

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