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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 16, 2002

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for information
3 relating to prospective child-care personnel.

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

6 Section 1. Section 6344(b) of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 6344. Information relating to prospective child-care
9 personnel.

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11 (b) Information submitted by prospective employees.--
12 Administrators of child-care services, regardless of whether
13 they are subject to departmental regulation, shall require
14 applicants to submit with their applications the following
15 information obtained within the preceding one-year period:

16 (1) Pursuant to 18 Pa.C.S. Ch. 91 (relating to criminal

1 history record information), a report of criminal history
2 record information from the Pennsylvania State Police or a
3 statement from the Pennsylvania State Police that the State
4 Police central repository contains no such information
5 relating to that person. The criminal history record
6 information shall be limited to that which is disseminated
7 pursuant to 18 Pa.C.S. § 9121(b)(2) (relating to general
8 regulations).

9 (2) A certification from the department as to whether
10 the applicant is named in the central register as the
11 perpetrator of a founded report of child abuse, indicated
12 report of child abuse, founded report for school employee or
13 indicated report for school employee.

14 (3) [Where the applicant is not a resident of this
15 Commonwealth, administrators] Administrators shall require
16 the applicant to submit with the application for employment a
17 report of Federal criminal history record information. The
18 applicant shall submit a full set of fingerprints to the
19 department. The department shall submit the fingerprints to
20 the Federal Bureau of Investigation in order to obtain a
21 report of Federal criminal history record information and
22 serve as intermediary for the purposes of this section.

23 For the purposes of this subsection, an applicant may submit a
24 copy of the required information with an application for
25 employment. Administrators shall maintain a copy of the required
26 information and shall require applicants to produce the original
27 document prior to employment.

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29 Section 2. The Department of Public Welfare shall promulgate
30 regulations necessary to carry out the amendment of 23 Pa.C.S. §

1 6344(b) no later than six months from the effective date of this
2 act.

3 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.