THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2644 Session of 2006

INTRODUCED BY STURLA, TRUE, BISHOP, CALTAGIRONE, GERGELY, GOODMAN, HICKERNELL, JOSEPHS, MANN, MUNDY, MYERS, PALLONE, SIPTROTH, STABACK, TANGRETTI, TIGUE AND YOUNGBLOOD, APRIL 27, 2006

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 27, 2006

AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
- 2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for investigation of
- 3 reports of suspected child abuse by county agencies.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Section 6368(a.1) of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania
- 7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:
- 8 § 6368. Investigation of reports.
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- 10 (a.1) Investigation of report concerning child-care service
- 11 personnel or school employee. -- Upon notification that an
- 12 investigation involves suspected child abuse perpetrated by
- 13 child-care service personnel, including a child-care service
- 14 employee, service provider [or], administrator or school
- 15 <u>employee</u>, the respective child-care service <u>or school</u> must
- 16 immediately implement a plan of supervision or alternative
- 17 arrangement subject to the county agency's approval for the

- 1 individual under investigation to ensure the safety of the child
- 2 and other children who are in the care of the child-care
- 3 service. The county agency shall provide notice to the employer
- 4 of the child-care service employee, service provider,
- 5 <u>administrator or school employee that the individual is under</u>
- 6 <u>investigation</u>. Such plan of supervision or alternative
- 7 arrangement shall be kept on file with the county agency until
- 8 such time that the investigation is completed.
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- 10 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.