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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

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REFERRED TO AGING AND YOUTH, MAY 11, 2005

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing, in child protective  
3 services, for annual reports to the Governor and the General  
4 Assembly.

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

7 Section 1. Section 6347(a) of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 6347. Annual reports to Governor and General Assembly.

10 (a) General rule.--No later than [May] March 1 of every  
11 year, the secretary shall prepare and transmit to the Governor  
12 and the General Assembly a report on the operations of the  
13 central register of child abuse and child protective services  
14 provided by county agencies. The report shall include a full  
15 statistical analysis of the reports of suspected child abuse  
16 made to the department and the reports under Subchapter C.1  
17 (relating to students in public and private schools), together  
18 with a report on the implementation of this chapter and its

1 total cost to the Commonwealth, the evaluation of the secretary  
2 of services offered under this chapter and recommendations for  
3 repeal or for additional legislation to fulfill the purposes of  
4 this chapter. All such recommendations should contain an  
5 estimate of increased or decreased costs resulting therefrom.  
6 The report shall also include an explanation of services  
7 provided to children who were the subjects of founded or  
8 indicated reports while receiving child-care services. The  
9 department shall also describe its actions in respect to the  
10 perpetrators of the abuse.

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