

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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SCHRODER, SIPTROTH, STABACK, STERN, WALKO, WATSON AND JAMES,
FEBRUARY 6, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 6, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for education and
3 training.

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

6 Section 1. Section 6383(a) of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 6383. Education and training.

9 (a) Duties of department and county agencies.--

10 (1) The department and each county agency, both jointly
11 and individually, shall conduct a continuing publicity and
12 education program for the citizens of this Commonwealth aimed
13 at the prevention of child abuse and child neglect, including
14 the prevention of newborn abandonment, the identification of
15 abused and neglected children and the provision of necessary
16 ameliorative services to abused and neglected children and

1 their families.

2 (2) The department and each county agency shall conduct
3 an ongoing training and education program for local staff,
4 persons required to make reports and other appropriate
5 persons in order to familiarize those persons with the
6 reporting and investigative procedures for cases of suspected
7 child abuse and the rehabilitative services that are
8 available to children and families.

9 (3) In addition, the department shall, by regulation,
10 establish a program of training and certification for persons
11 classified as protective services workers.

12 (i) The regulations shall provide for the
13 grandfathering of all current permanent protective
14 services workers as certified protective services
15 workers.

16 (ii) Upon request by the county agency and approval
17 of the department, the agency may conduct the training of
18 the county's protective services workers.

19 (iii) The established program of training and
20 certification for persons classified as protective
21 services workers shall include basic training on drug and
22 alcohol abuse and addiction, early warning signs of drug
23 and alcohol abuse, methods of referral for drug and
24 alcohol abuse and resources for drug and alcohol
25 addiction.

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