

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE BILL

No. 260 Session of  
2009

INTRODUCED BY BAKER, VOGEL, TARTAGLIONE, SCARNATI, ALLOWAY,  
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WILLIAMS AND BOSCOLA, FEBRUARY 19, 2009

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE AMENDMENTS, JULY 1, 2010

## AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in minors, further providing for  
3 corruption of minors and for the offense of sexual abuse of  
4 children.

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

7 Section 1. Section 6301(a)(1) of Title 18 of the  
8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 6301. Corruption of minors.

10 (a) Offense defined.--

11 (1) [Whoever] (i) Except as provided in subparagraph  
12 (ii), whoever, being of the age of 18 years and upwards,  
13 by any act corrupts or tends to corrupt the morals of any  
14 minor less than 18 years of age, or who aids, abets,  
15 entices or encourages any such minor in the commission of  
16 any crime, or who knowingly assists or encourages such  
17 minor in violating his or her parole or any order of

1 court, commits a misdemeanor of the first degree.

2 ~~(ii) Where there is a course of conduct that~~ ←  
3 ~~violates this paragraph, the offense constitutes WHOEVER,~~ ←  
4 ~~BEING OF THE AGE OF 18 YEARS AND UPWARDS, BY ANY COURSE~~  
5 ~~OF CONDUCT IN VIOLATION OF CHAPTER 31 (RELATING TO SEXUAL~~  
6 ~~OFFENSES) CORRUPTS OR TENDS TO CORRUPT THE MORALS OF ANY~~  
7 ~~MINOR LESS THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE, OR WHO AIDS, ABETS,~~  
8 ~~ENTICES OR ENCOURAGES ANY SUCH MINOR IN THE COMMISSION OF~~  
9 ~~AN OFFENSE UNDER CHAPTER 31 COMMITS a felony of the third~~  
10 ~~degree.~~

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12 Section 2. Section 6312 of Title 18 is amended by adding a  
13 subsection to read:

14 § 6312. Sexual abuse of children.

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16 (f.1) Criminal action.--

17 (1) A district attorney shall have the authority to  
18 investigate and to institute criminal proceedings for any  
19 violation of this section.

20 (2) In addition to the authority conferred upon the  
21 Attorney General by the act of October 15, 1980 (P.L.950,  
22 No.164), known as the Commonwealth Attorneys Act, the  
23 Attorney General shall have the authority to investigate and  
24 to institute criminal proceedings for any violation of this  
25 section or any series of violations of this section involving  
26 more than one county of this Commonwealth or involving any  
27 county of this Commonwealth and another state. No person  
28 charged with a violation of this section by the Attorney  
29 General shall have standing to challenge the authority of the  
30 Attorney General to investigate or prosecute the case, and,

1 if any such challenge is made, the challenge shall be  
2 dismissed and no relief shall be available in the courts of  
3 this Commonwealth to the person making the challenge.

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5 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.