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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the  
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for contact  
3 information of a county agency to be provided to a dependent  
4 child.

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

7 Section 1. Section 6351(d) of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 6351. Disposition of dependent child.

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11 (d) County programs.--

12 (1) Every county of this Commonwealth shall develop  
13 programs for children under paragraph (5) or (6) of the  
14 definition of "dependent child" in section 6302 (relating to  
15 definitions).

16 (2) In order to ensure the protection and to prevent the  
17 abuse of dependent children, a county children and youth  
18 services office shall assign a staff member to receive calls  
19 from dependent children who have been abused or are in fear

1 of abuse. This staff member must be able to be reached at all  
2 times. Immediately upon being adjudicated dependent, a child  
3 shall be given a card with the contact information of the  
4 staff member by a county children and youth services office.  
5 A county children and youth services office must give a child  
6 who has already been adjudicated dependent a card with the  
7 contact information of the staff member within seven days of  
8 the effective date of this section. If the contact  
9 information of the staff member changes, every dependent  
10 child must be given updated contact information immediately.

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