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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in child protective services,  
3 providing for Statewide toll-free telephone number and  
4 monitoring by department.

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

7 Section 1. Title 23 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 6332.1. Statewide three digit toll-free telephone number and  
10 monitoring by department.

11 (a) Statewide toll-free telephone number.--The department  
12 shall establish a single three digit Statewide toll-free  
13 telephone number that all persons may use to report cases of  
14 suspected child abuse or children in need of protective  
15 services.

16 (b) Continuous access and monitoring.--The department shall  
17 do the following on a 24-hour, seven-days-a-week basis:

1           (1) Receive reports and referrals of suspected child  
2           abuse and children in need of protective services.

3           (2) Respond to requests for information from county  
4           agencies and law enforcement personnel under section 6335.1  
5           (relating to access to information in Statewide database).

6           (3) Monitor the provision of protective services.

7           (c) Continuous availability.--Each county agency shall, on a  
8           24-hour, seven-days-a-week basis, receive reports of suspected  
9           child abuse from the department under section 6323(b) (relating  
10           to disposition of initial reports) or the general public in  
11           accordance with the county plan and regulations of the  
12           department for the provision of child protective services.

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