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REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, JANUARY 9, 2013

AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
- 2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for residency restrictions
- 3 for certain offenders.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
- 7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:
- 8 § 4307. Residency restrictions for certain offenders.
- 9 (a) General rule. -- No person who is subject to registration
- 10 under 42 Pa.C.S. § 9795.1 (relating to registration) due to
- 11 conviction for an offense wherein the victim was a minor shall
- 12 establish a residence, maintain a residence or other living
- 13 accommodation within 1,000 feet of the real property on which is
- 14 located any public, private or parochial school, licensed
- 15 preschool program, certified day-care center, registered family
- 16 day-care home, public playground recreation center or
- 17 playground. No such person shall establish a residence, maintain
- 18 a residence or other living accommodation within 500 feet of any

- 1 point at which transportation is provided to students of any
- 2 public, private or parochial school except that provided by a
- 3 fixed-route public transportation service as defined in 74
- 4 Pa.C.S. § 1503 (relating to definitions). Further, no such
- 5 person who is subject to any order of parole, probation or
- 6 <u>supervision may be placed by any governmental authority in any</u>
- 7 <u>residential setting that does not comply with the provisions of</u>
- 8 this section.
- 9 (b) Applicability. -- Nothing in this section shall require
- 10 any person subject to the provisions of this section or 42
- 11 Pa.C.S. § 9795.1 to sell or otherwise dispose of any real
- 12 <u>estate, home or other real property or to cancel any lease of</u>
- 13 real property that was acquired or entered prior to the
- 14 <u>effective date of this section. Further, the provision of this</u>
- 15 <u>section shall not prohibit such a person from maintaining a</u>
- 16 residence at a location as provided in this subsection. In order
- 17 for a person to comply with the exemption provided in this
- 18 subsection, the person is required to provide evidence of such
- 19 to the court wherein sentencing occurred and to the Pennsylvania
- 20 State Police at the time of registration under 42 Pa.C.S. §
- 21 9795.1 and verification under 42 Pa.C.S. § 9796 (relating to
- 22 verification of residence):
- 23 (1) For real property, a copy of a deed, security
- interest or mortgage to which the person is a signatory.
- 25 (2) For purposes of a leasehold, a copy of the
- applicable lease agreement to which the person is a
- 27 signatory.
- 28 (c) Exceptions. -- This section shall not apply to any person
- 29 who resides in any of the following on a temporary or permanent
- 30 basis:

- 1 (1) A hospital licensed by the Commonwealth of
- 2 <u>Pennsylvania</u>.
- 3 (2) A nursing home or similar entity licensed by the
- 4 <u>Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.</u>
- 5 (3) Except as provided in subsection (a), any place
- 6 where the person is incarcerated due to a criminal charge or
- 7 <u>conviction</u>.
- 8 <u>(4) Any location where a person is voluntarily or</u>
- 9 <u>involuntarily committed for treatment under the act of July</u>
- 10 9, 1976 (P.L.817, No.143), known as the Mental Health
- 11 <u>Procedures Act.</u>
- 12 (5) A temporary lodging for consideration for a term
- that is less than 15 consecutive days.
- 14 (d) Notice. -- Any person subject to this section who lives
- 15 within 1,000 feet of the real property of any entity provided in
- 16 subsection (a) by operation of subsection (b) or (c) shall be
- 17 subject to the notification provisions under 42 Pa.C.S. § 9798
- 18 (relating to other notification).
- 19 (e) Board of school directors.--Each year, for the
- 20 forthcoming school year, the board of school directors of any
- 21 school district that provides for the transportation of students
- 22 under section 1361 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14),
- 23 known as the Public School Code of 1949, shall determine if a
- 24 person subject to the restrictions provided in this section
- 25 resides within 500 feet of a point where students receiving
- 26 transportation to and from school shall embark or disembark from
- 27 the conveyance. If it is determined that a person subject to the
- 28 restrictions provided in this section resides within 500 feet of
- 29 the point of embarking or disembarking a conveyance and it is
- 30 impracticable for the school district or its agent to assign

- 1 another point of embarking or disembarking, the board of school
- 2 <u>directors shall do all of the following:</u>
- 3 (1) Notify each law enforcement agency with jurisdiction
- 4 over the point of embarking or disembarking the conveyance.
- 5 (2) Notify each law enforcement agency with jurisdiction
- 6 <u>in the school district.</u>
- 7 (3) Notify the parents of any student who will be
- 8 required to use a point of embarking or disembarking that
- 9 <u>falls within 500 feet of the residence of a person subject to</u>
- the restrictions of this section.
- 11 <u>(f) Grading.--</u>
- 12 (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), an offense
- 13 <u>under this section shall be graded as a misdemeanor of the</u>
- 14 <u>first degree</u>.
- 15 (2) A second or subsequent offense under this section
- shall be graded as a felony of the third degree.
- 17 (q) Immunity for good faith conduct. -- The following shall
- 18 be immune from liability under this section for good faith
- 19 conduct:
- 20 (1) A school district including, but not limited to, its
- 21 board of school directors and employees.
- 22 (2) Agents of a school district who, pursuant to their
- contract with the school district, provide transportation for
- students to or from any public, private or parochial school.
- 25 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.