
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 198 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY MURT, BAKER, BISHOP, COHEN, GILLEN, GINGRICH,
HARKINS, KAUFFMAN, MAJOR, O'BRIEN, C. PARKER, READSHAW,
ROZZI, SANTARSIERO, SAYLOR, SCHLOSSBERG AND SCHWEYER,
JANUARY 23, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JANUARY 23, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in child victims and
3 witnesses, further providing for victims of sexual or
4 physical abuse.

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

7 Section 1. Section 5988(a) of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 5988. Victims of sexual or physical abuse.

10 (a) Release of name prohibited.--Notwithstanding any other
11 provision of law to the contrary, in a prosecution involving a
12 minor victim of sexual or physical abuse, the name and actual
13 initials of the minor victim shall not be disclosed by officers
14 or employees of the court to the public, and any records
15 revealing the name or actual initials of the minor victim shall
16 not be open to public inspection.

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