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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, SEPTEMBER 29, 2015

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in child protective services, further  
3 providing for employees having contact with children and  
4 adoptive and foster parents.

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

7 Section 1. Section 6344(a) (5) of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes, amended July 1, 2015 (P.L.94, No.15), is  
9 amended to read:

10 § 6344. Employees having contact with children; adoptive and  
11 foster parents.

12 (a) Applicability.--Beginning December 31, 2014, this  
13 section applies to the following individuals:

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15 (5) (i) Except as provided under subparagraph (ii), an  
16 individual 14 years of age or older who is applying for  
17 or holding a paid position as an employee with a program,  
18 activity or service, as a person responsible for the  
19 child's welfare or having direct contact with children.

1           (ii) If the program, activity or service is an  
2 internship, externship, work study, co-op or similar  
3 program, an adult applying for or holding a paid position  
4 with an employer that participates in the internship,  
5 externship, work study, co-op or similar program with a  
6 school and whom the employer and the school identify as  
7 the child's supervisor and the person responsible for the  
8 child's welfare while the child participates in the  
9 program with the employer. The adult identified under  
10 this subparagraph as the person responsible for the  
11 child's welfare [is]:

12           (A) Is required to be in the immediate vicinity  
13           at regular intervals with the child during the  
14           program.

15           (B) Is not required to submit information under  
16           subsection (b) if the child participating in the  
17           program is at least 17 years of age.

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19           Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.