
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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B. MILLER, WARD, BAKER, ORTITAY, A. HARRIS, GABLER, McNEILL,
RADER, D. COSTA AND NEILSON, FEBRUARY 10, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in child custody, further providing
3 for award of custody.

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

6 Section 1. Section 5323(g)(1) of Title 23 of the
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 5323. Award of custody.

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10 (g) Contempt for noncompliance with any custody order.--

11 (1) A party who willfully fails to comply with any
12 custody order may, as prescribed by general rule, be adjudged
13 in contempt. Contempt shall be punishable by any one or more
14 of the following:

15 (i) Imprisonment for a period of not more than six
16 months.

17 (ii) A fine of not more than \$500.

18 (iii) Probation for a period of not more than six

1 months.

2 (iv) An order for nonrenewal, suspension or denial
3 of operating privilege under section 4355 (relating to
4 denial or suspension of licenses).

5 (v) Counsel fees and costs.

6 (vi) A temporary modification of the physical
7 custody schedule so that the child receives compensatory
8 parenting time to make up for lost time that the child
9 would otherwise have spent with the party who brought the
10 contempt action.

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