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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 persons required to report suspected child
4 abuse.

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

7 Section 1. Section 6311(a)(16) and (b)(1)(iii) of Title 23
8 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:
9 § 6311. Persons required to report suspected child abuse.

10 (a) Mandated reporters.--The following adults shall make a
11 report of suspected child abuse, subject to subsection (b), if
12 the person has reasonable cause to suspect that a child is a
13 victim of child abuse:

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15 (16) An adult family member who is a person responsible
16 for the child's welfare and provides services to a child in a
17 family living home, community home for individuals with an
18 intellectual disability or host home for children which are
19 subject to supervision or licensure by the department under

1 Articles IX and X of the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31,
2 No.21), known as the [Public Welfare] Human Services Code.

3 (b) Basis to report.--

4 (1) A mandated reporter enumerated in subsection (a)
5 shall make a report of suspected child abuse in accordance
6 with section 6313 (relating to reporting procedure), if the
7 mandated reporter has reasonable cause to suspect that a
8 child is a victim of child abuse under any of the following
9 circumstances:

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11 (iii) [A] The mandated reporter witnesses an abusive
12 act to an identifiable child or a person makes a specific
13 disclosure to the mandated reporter that an identifiable
14 child is the victim of child abuse.

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