

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2646 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY CONKLIN AND MURT, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

AN ACT

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

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

6 Section 1. Section 6319(b) of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is amended by
8 adding a subsection to read:

9 § 6319. Penalties.

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11 [(b) Continuing course of action.--If a person's willful
12 failure under subsection (a) continues while the person knows or
13 has reasonable cause to believe the child is actively being
14 subjected to child abuse, the person commits a misdemeanor of
15 the first degree, except that if the child abuse constitutes a
16 felony of the first degree or higher, the person commits a
17 felony of the third degree.]

18 (b.1) Continuing course of action.--

19 (1) A person commits an offense if the person's willful

1 failure under subsection (a) continues while the person knows
2 or has reasonable cause to believe the child is being
3 subjected to child abuse or the person knows or has
4 reasonable cause to believe an individual suspected of child
5 abuse is subjecting additional children to child abuse.

6 (2) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor of
7 the first degree, except that if the child abuse constitutes
8 a felony of the first degree or higher, the person commits a
9 felony of the third degree if the person knows or has
10 reasonable cause to believe there is one victim.

11 (3) An offense under this section is a felony of the
12 third degree, except that if the child abuse constitutes a
13 felony of the first degree or higher, the person commits a
14 felony of the second degree if the person knows or has
15 reasonable cause to believe there is more than one victim.

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