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SENATOR BAKER, JUDICIARY, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED, JUNE 24, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in assault, further providing for the
3 offense of assault by prisoner; IN SEXUAL OFFENSES, FURTHER <--
4 PROVIDING FOR THE OFFENSE OF INSTITUTIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT;
5 AND, IN REGISTRATION OF SEXUAL OFFENDERS, FURTHER PROVIDING
6 FOR SEXUAL OFFENSES AND TIER SYSTEM.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 2703(a) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
10 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

11 § 2703. Assault by prisoner.

12 (a) Offense defined.--[A]

13 (1) Except as provided under section 2704 (relating to
14 assault by life prisoner), a person who is confined in or
15 committed to any local or county detention facility, jail or
16 prison or any State penal or correctional institution or
17 other State penal or correctional facility located in this
18 Commonwealth is guilty of a felony of the second degree if

1 he, while so confined or committed or while undergoing
2 transportation to or from such an institution or facility in
3 or to which he was confined or committed intentionally or
4 knowingly, commits an assault upon any of the following:

5 (i) Except as provided under subparagraph (ii),
6 another with a deadly weapon or instrument, or by any
7 means or force likely to produce serious bodily injury.

8 (ii) A detention facility or correctional facility
9 employee with a deadly weapon or instrument, or by any
10 means or force likely to produce bodily injury.

11 (2) A person is guilty of this offense if he
12 intentionally or knowingly causes another to come into
13 contact with blood, seminal fluid, saliva, urine or feces by
14 throwing, tossing, spitting or expelling such fluid or
15 material when, at the time of the offense, the person knew,
16 had reason to know, should have known or believed such fluid
17 or material to have been obtained from an individual,
18 including the person charged under this section, infected by
19 a communicable disease, including, but not limited to, human
20 immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or hepatitis B.

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22 SECTION 2. SECTION 3124.2(A), (A.1) AND (B) OF TITLE 18 ARE <--
23 AMENDED AND THE SECTION IS AMENDED BY ADDING SUBSECTIONS TO
24 READ:

25 § 3124.2. INSTITUTIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT.

26 (A) GENERAL RULE.--EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (A.1)
27 AND IN SECTIONS 3121 (RELATING TO RAPE), 3122.1 (RELATING TO
28 STATUTORY SEXUAL ASSAULT), 3123 (RELATING TO INVOLUNTARY DEVIATE
29 SEXUAL INTERCOURSE), 3124.1 (RELATING TO SEXUAL ASSAULT) AND
30 3125 (RELATING TO AGGRAVATED INDECENT ASSAULT), A PERSON WHO IS

1 AN EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS OR A
2 COUNTY CORRECTIONAL AUTHORITY, YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER, YOUTH
3 FORESTRY CAMP, STATE OR COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY,
4 OTHER LICENSED RESIDENTIAL FACILITY SERVING CHILDREN AND YOUTH,
5 OR MENTAL HEALTH OR MENTAL RETARDATION FACILITY OR INSTITUTION
6 COMMITS A FELONY OF THE THIRD DEGREE WHEN THAT PERSON ENGAGES IN
7 SEXUAL INTERCOURSE, DEVIATE SEXUAL INTERCOURSE OR INDECENT
8 CONTACT WITH AN INMATE, DETAINEE, ANOTHER PERSON BEING
9 SUPERVISED BY THAT PERSON UNDER PROBATION OR PAROLE SUPERVISION,
10 PATIENT OR RESIDENT.

11 (A.1) INSTITUTIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A MINOR.--A PERSON WHO
12 IS AN EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS OR A
13 COUNTY CORRECTIONAL AUTHORITY, YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER, YOUTH
14 FORESTRY CAMP, STATE OR COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY,
15 OTHER LICENSED RESIDENTIAL FACILITY SERVING CHILDREN AND YOUTH
16 OR MENTAL HEALTH OR MENTAL RETARDATION FACILITY OR INSTITUTION
17 COMMITS A FELONY OF THE THIRD DEGREE WHEN THAT PERSON ENGAGES IN
18 SEXUAL INTERCOURSE, DEVIATE SEXUAL INTERCOURSE OR INDECENT
19 CONTACT WITH AN INMATE, ANOTHER PERSON BEING SUPERVISED BY THAT
20 PERSON UNDER PROBATION OR PAROLE SUPERVISION, DETAINEE, PATIENT
21 OR RESIDENT WHO IS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE.

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23 (A.4) PEACE OFFICERS.--

24 (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER SECTIONS 3121, 3122.1,
25 3123, 3124.1 AND 3125, A PERSON WHO IS A PEACE OFFICER OR
26 EMPLOYEE OF AN AGENCY EMPLOYING A PEACE OFFICER IN HIS
27 OFFICIAL CAPACITY COMMITS A FELONY OF THE THIRD DEGREE WHEN
28 THE PERSON ENGAGES IN SEXUAL INTERCOURSE, DEVIATE SEXUAL
29 INTERCOURSE OR INDECENT CONTACT WITH ANOTHER PERSON WHO IS
30 UNDER OFFICIAL DETENTION OR IN THE CUSTODY OF THE PERSON OR

1 IS A CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT OF THE PERSON.

2 (2) A PERSON WHO IS A PEACE OFFICER COMMITS A FELONY OF
3 THE THIRD DEGREE WHEN THE PERSON ENGAGES IN SEXUAL
4 INTERCOURSE, DEVIATE SEXUAL INTERCOURSE OR INDECENT CONTACT
5 WITH A CHILD WHO IS UNDER OFFICIAL DETENTION OR IN THE
6 CUSTODY OF THE PERSON OR IS A CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT OF THE
7 PERSON.

8 (A.5) CONSENT NOT A DEFENSE.--CONSENT IS NOT A DEFENSE TO A
9 VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (A), (A.1), (A.2), (A.3) OR (A.4).

10 (B) DEFINITIONS.--AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING
11 WORDS AND PHRASES SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS
12 SUBSECTION UNLESS THE CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

13 "AGENT." A PERSON WHO IS ASSIGNED TO WORK IN A STATE OR
14 COUNTY CORRECTIONAL OR JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY, A YOUTH
15 DEVELOPMENT CENTER, YOUTH FORESTRY CAMP, OTHER LICENSED
16 RESIDENTIAL FACILITY SERVING CHILDREN AND YOUTH OR MENTAL HEALTH
17 OR MENTAL RETARDATION FACILITY OR INSTITUTION, WHO IS EMPLOYED
18 BY ANY STATE OR COUNTY AGENCY OR ANY PERSON EMPLOYED BY AN
19 ENTITY PROVIDING CONTRACT SERVICES TO THE AGENCY.

20 "CENTER FOR CHILDREN." INCLUDES A CHILD DAY-CARE CENTER,
21 GROUP AND FAMILY DAY-CARE HOME, BOARDING HOME FOR CHILDREN, A
22 CENTER PROVIDING EARLY INTERVENTION AND DRUG AND ALCOHOL
23 SERVICES FOR CHILDREN OR OTHER FACILITY WHICH PROVIDES CHILD-
24 CARE SERVICES WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL, LICENSURE,
25 REGISTRATION OR CERTIFICATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
26 WELFARE OR A COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY OR WHICH ARE PROVIDED
27 PURSUANT TO A CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OR A COUNTY SOCIAL
28 SERVICES AGENCY. THE TERM DOES NOT INCLUDE A YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
29 CENTER, YOUTH FORESTRY CAMP, STATE OR COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION
30 FACILITY AND OTHER LICENSED RESIDENTIAL FACILITY SERVING

1 CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

2 "CHILD." AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS LESS THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE.

3 "CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT." AN INDIVIDUAL WHO ENGAGES IN THE
4 ACTIVITY OF ASSOCIATING WITH PERSONS ENGAGED IN CRIMINAL
5 ACTIVITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FURNISHING INFORMATION TO OR ACTING
6 AS AN AGENT FOR A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

7 "CUSTODY." THE TERM INCLUDES A TRAFFIC STOP, A CUSTODIAL
8 INTERROGATION OR AN INTERVIEW CONDUCTED IN CONNECTION WITH AN
9 INVESTIGATION.

10 "OFFICIAL DETENTION." AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION
11 5121 (RELATING TO ESCAPE).

12 SECTION 3. SECTION 9799.14(B) (5) AND (D) (6) OF TITLE 42 ARE
13 AMENDED TO READ:

14 § 9799.14. SEXUAL OFFENSES AND TIER SYSTEM.

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16 (B) TIER I SEXUAL OFFENSES.--THE FOLLOWING OFFENSES SHALL BE
17 CLASSIFIED AS TIER I SEXUAL OFFENSES:

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19 (5) 18 PA.C.S. § 3124.2(A) AND (A.4) (1) (RELATING TO
20 INSTITUTIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT).

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22 (D) TIER III SEXUAL OFFENSES.--THE FOLLOWING OFFENSES SHALL
23 BE CLASSIFIED AS TIER III SEXUAL OFFENSES:

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25 (6) 18 PA.C.S. § 3124.2(A.1) AND (A.4) (2).

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27 Section ~~2~~ 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

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