

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 835 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY PETRARCA, OTTEN, KINSEY, MILLARD, FREEMAN, HILL- EVANS, TOOHL AND McCLINTON, MARCH 14, 2019

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, APRIL 15, 2019

AN ACT

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

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

6 Section 1. Section 6368(d) of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph to read:
8 § 6368. Investigation of reports.

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10 (d) Investigative actions.--During the investigation, all of
11 the following shall apply:

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13 (5) The county agency shall have access to and shall
14 review each record relating to the child, including medical
15 records, records of drug and alcohol treatment, RECORDS OF <--
16 MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT and school records pursuant to the
17 cooperation required under sections 6340.1 (relating to
18 exchange of information) and 6346 (relating to cooperation of

1 other agencies). THE CONSENT OF A PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF A <--  
2 CHILD OR ANY OTHER RELEASE MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN THE  
3 RECORDS REQUESTED BY THE COUNTY AGENCY UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.

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