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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, JULY 1, 2020

AN ACT

1 Establishing a Statewide registry of caregivers who abuse
2 individuals with disabilities or special needs; and imposing
3 duties on the Department of Human Services.

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

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Abusive
8 Caregiver Registry Act.

9 Section 2. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
11 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Caregiver." An individual who has a legal or contractual
14 duty to provide services for the care, custody or supervision of
15 an individual with a disability or special needs.

16 "Department." The Department of Human Services of the
17 Commonwealth.

1 "Registry." The Statewide Registry of Abusive Caregivers
2 established by this act.

3 Section 3. Statewide Registry of Abusive Caregivers.

4 (a) Establishment.--The department shall establish and
5 maintain a Statewide registry of caregivers who have been
6 charged and caregivers who have been convicted with an offense
7 that involves the abuse or neglect of an individual with a
8 disability or special needs. The registry shall:

9 (1) Be a complete and systematic index of all records
10 that relate to such charges and convictions.

11 (2) Be composed of an electronic database and digitized
12 records.

13 (3) Be able to communicate with abusive caregiver
14 registries established in other jurisdictions.

15 (4) Consist of such information from records as
16 determined by the department.

17 (b) Cooperation.--There shall be cooperation between the
18 Pennsylvania State Police, State and county correctional
19 institutions, the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole,
20 the county office of probation and parole, any court with
21 jurisdiction over a caregiver that has been charged or convicted
22 with an offense that involves the abuse or neglect of an
23 individual with a disability or special needs, the chief
24 juvenile probation officer of the court, juvenile probation and
25 parole and Commonwealth agencies to ensure that the information
26 set forth in subsection (a) is provided and placed in the
27 registry.

28 (c) Confidentiality.--The registry may not disclose the name
29 or identifying information of an individual with a disability or
30 special needs.

1 (d) Access.--Except for information prohibited from
2 disclosure under subsection (c), the department shall post
3 information from the registry on the department's publicly
4 accessible Internet website.

5 (e) Correction of information.--The department shall
6 establish a procedure for correcting false or otherwise
7 incorrect information contained on the registry.

8 (f) Regulations.--The department shall promulgate
9 regulations necessary for administration of this act.

10 Section 4. Effective date.

11 This act shall take effect in 60 days.