
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 226 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY WHITE, BROOKS, MARTIN, LANGERHOLC, FOLMER,
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MARCH 13, 2019

REFERRED TO AGING AND YOUTH, MARCH 13, 2019

AN ACT

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

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

6 Section 1. Section 6303 of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:
8 § 6303. Definitions.

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10 (e) Prenatal drug use.--It shall be considered child abuse
11 if a child is born and exhibits symptoms of withdrawal as a
12 result of prenatal drug abuse or tests positive at birth for a
13 controlled substance as defined in section 2 of the act of April
14 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance,
15 Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, unless the symptoms are exhibited
16 or the child tests positive for a controlled substance as a
17 result of the mother's lawful intake of the drug or substance as
18 prescribed.

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