
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 495 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY SABATINA, FONTANA, COLLETT, COSTA, SCHWANK, MUTH
AND CAPPELLETTI, APRIL 8, 2021

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, APRIL 8, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary
3 provisions, providing for commencement of action alleging
4 childhood sexual abuse.

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

7 Section 1. Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 5112. Commencement of action alleging childhood sexual abuse.

10 (a) Nondisclosure.--A party commencing a civil action that
11 alleges childhood sexual abuse may file the action without
12 disclosing the identity of the victim and the names of each
13 parent or guardian filing the civil action on behalf of the
14 minor child.

15 (b) Petition.--

16 (1) Subject to paragraph (2), a party against whom a
17 civil action under subsection (a) has been filed may petition
18 the court for determining the victim's identity and the names
19 of each parent or guardian who made the filing.

1 (2) Except for disclosure under paragraph (1), the
2 information shall remain confidential and may not be
3 disclosed.

4 (3) Each reference in a pleading or other filing in a
5 civil action under subsection (a) shall refer to the alleged
6 victim as designated in the victim's original filing.

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