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AND MURT, JANUARY 16, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JANUARY 16, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for persons required
3 to report suspected child abuse.

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

6 Section 1. Section 6311(c) of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 6311. Persons required to report suspected child abuse.

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10 (c) Staff members of institutions, etc.--[Whenever]

11 (1) Except as provided under paragraph (2), whenever a
12 person is required to report under subsection (b) in the
13 capacity as a member of the staff of a medical or other
14 public or private institution, school, facility or agency,
15 that person shall immediately notify the person in charge of
16 the institution, school, facility or agency or the designated

1 agent of the person in charge. Upon notification, the person
2 in charge or the designated agent, if any, shall assume the
3 responsibility and have the legal obligation to report or
4 cause a report to be made in accordance with section 6313.
5 This chapter does not require more than one report from any
6 such institution, school, facility or agency.

7 (2) A person who is required to report under subsection
8 (b) in the capacity as a member of the staff of a medical or
9 other public or private institution, school, facility or
10 agency may, in lieu of providing notification to the person
11 in charge of the institution, school, facility or agency or
12 the designated agent of the person in charge, assume the
13 responsibility and the legal obligation to report in
14 accordance with section 6313. Subsection (d) shall apply to a
15 person who makes a report under this paragraph.

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