

Child Protective Services Law and Educator Discipline Act Overview

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Bill/Act	Effective Date	Description/URL
HB 726, Act 108 of 2013	12/31/2014	Amends the definition of "child abuse" and related terms in the Child Protective Services Law. http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/Legis/LI/uconsCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&yr=2013&sessInd=0&smthLwInd=0&act=108#
HB 431, Act 31 of 2014	12/31/2014	Requires that licensing boards issue regulations to require that licensees who are mandated reporters of child abuse be trained on child abuse recognition and reporting. http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/li/uconsCheck.cfm?yr=2014&sessInd=0&act=31
HB 434, Act 45 of 2014	12/31/2014	Ensures that school employees are subject to the same investigations and held to the same standards as parents, child care workers and other perpetrators of child abuse. http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/li/uconsCheck.cfm?yr=2014&sessInd=0&act=45
HB 436, Act 32 of 2014	12/31/2014	Expands and clarifies the list of mandated reporters of child abuse. This act also clarifies a mandated reporter's basis to report child abuse and enhances the penalty scheme for those who fail in this obligation. http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/li/uconsCheck.cfm?yr=2014&sessInd=0&act=32
SB 23, Act 117 of 2013	12/31/2014	Updates the definition of perpetrator in the Child Protective Services Law. http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/Legis/LI/uconsCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&yr=2013&sessInd=0&smthLwInd=0&act=117

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SB 30, Act 119 of 2013	7/1/2014	Establishes specific timelines for appeals for indicated cases of child abuse in juvenile detention facilities. http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/Legis/LI/uconsCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&yr=2013&sessInd=0&smthLwInd=0&act=119
SB 34, Act 120 of 2013	2/16/2014	Establishes a comprehensive system under which professional educators are investigated and disciplined for misconduct. http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/Legis/LI/uconsCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&yr=2013&sessInd=0&smthLwInd=0&act=120
SB 21, Act 33 of 2014	12/31/2014	Clarifies who is a mandatory reporter of child abuse in Pennsylvania. http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/li/uconsCheck.cfm?yr=2014&sessInd=0&act=33
SB 24, Act 29 of 2014	12/31/2014	Establishes a statewide Database of Protective Services within the Department of Human Services. http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/Legis/LI/uconsCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&yr=2014&sessInd=0&smthLwInd=0&act=29
SB 31, Act 44 of 2014	12/31/2014	Provides that child abuse is investigated in the same manner for every report, regardless of the perpetrator. http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/li/uconsCheck.cfm?yr=2014&sessInd=0&act=44
SB 33, Act 34 of 2014	4/15/2014	Improves the exchange of child abuse information among medical practitioners, and county children and youth agencies. http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/li/uconsCheck.cfm?yr=2014&sessInd=0&act=34