
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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WHEELAND, AUGUST 16, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, AUGUST 16, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in child protective services, further
3 providing for mandatory reporting of children under one year
4 of age.

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

7 Section 1. Section 6386(a) of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 6386. Mandatory reporting of children under one year of age.

10 (a) When report to be made.--A health care provider shall
11 immediately make a report or cause a report to be made to the
12 appropriate county agency if the provider is involved in the
13 delivery or care of a child under one year of age who is born
14 and identified as being affected by any of the following:

15 (1) Illegal substance abuse by the child's mother.

16 (2) Withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug
17 exposure. [unless the child's mother, during the pregnancy,

18 was:

1 (i) under the care of a prescribing medical
2 professional; and
3 (ii) in compliance with the directions for the
4 administration of a prescription drug as directed by the
5 prescribing medical professional.]

6 (3) A Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

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