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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

1 Providing for reports on missing or abducted children and child  
2 sex trafficking victims.

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

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Missing and  
7 Abducted Children Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Child." An individual who is under 21 years of age and who  
13 meets one of the following:

14 (1) The county agency is conducting an assessment of the  
15 need for services for the individual.

16 (2) The county agency is conducting an investigation of  
17 suspected child abuse of the individual under 23 Pa.C.S. Ch.  
18 63 (relating to child protective services).

1           (3) The county agency is providing services to the  
2 individual.

3       "County agency." The county children and youth social  
4 service agency established in accordance with section 405 of the  
5 act of June 24, 1937 (P.L.2017, No.396), known as the County  
6 Institution District Law, or its successor, and supervised by  
7 the department under Article IX of the act of June 13, 1967  
8 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code.

9       "Department." The Department of Human Services of the  
10 Commonwealth.

11       "Law enforcement." Any of the following:

12           (1) A Pennsylvania State Police officer.

13           (2) A municipal police officer.

14 Section 3. County responsibilities.

15       (a) Child victims of sex trafficking.--The following shall  
16 apply:

17           (1) A county agency shall report to law enforcement  
18 immediately upon discovery, and in no case later than 24  
19 hours after discovery, a child who:

20                   (i) the county agency has reasonable cause to  
21 suspect of being at risk of being a sex trafficking  
22 victim; or

23                   (ii) the county agency identifies as being a sex  
24 trafficking victim.

25       (2) The county agency shall report annually to the  
26 department the total number of children who are identified as  
27 sex trafficking victims. The report shall be submitted in the  
28 form and by the deadline prescribed by the department.

29       (b) Missing or abducted children.--A county agency shall  
30 report to law enforcement and the National Center for Missing

1 and Exploited Children, immediately upon discovery, and in no  
2 case later than 24 hours after discovery, a child who is missing  
3 or abducted.

4 Section 4. Law enforcement responsibilities.

5 When law enforcement receives a report under section 3(b),  
6 law enforcement shall enter the missing or abducted child  
7 information into the National Crime Information Center database.

8 Section 5. Effective date.

9 This act shall take effect September 29, 2015.