

No. 1999-50

AN ACT

HB 518

Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for face-to-face contacts for high-risk abused children.

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

Section 1. Sections 6362 and 6375 of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended by adding subsections to read:

§ 6362. Responsibilities of county agency for child protective services.

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(f) Weekly face-to-face contacts.—For those children assessed as being at high risk for abuse or neglect who are remaining in or returning to the home in which the abuse or neglect occurred, the county agency shall ensure that those children are seen at least once a week, either directly by a county agency worker or through purchase of service, until they are no longer assessed as being at high risk for abuse or neglect.

§ 6375. County agency requirements for general protective services.

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(m) Weekly face-to-face contacts.—For those children assessed under this section as being at high risk for abuse or neglect who are remaining in or returning to the home in which the abuse or neglect occurred, the county agency shall ensure that those children are seen at least once a week, either directly by a county agency worker or through purchase of service, until they are no longer assessed as being at high risk for abuse or neglect.

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

APPROVED—The 24th day of November, A.D. 1999.

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