



# BIPARTISAN CHILD PROTECTION LEGISLATION



**SENATE BILL 20:** *Sen. LeAnna Washington (D-4), Sen. Kim Ward (R-39)*  
Updates the definition of “child abuse” and provides exclusions.

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**SENATE BILL 21:** *Sen. Kim Ward (R-39), Sen. John Blake (D-22)*  
Clarifies who is a “mandatory reporter” of child abuse.

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**SENATE BILL 22:** *Sen. Kim Ward (R-39), Sen. Tim Solobay (D-46)*  
Increases penalties for failure to report child abuse.

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**SENATE BILL 23:** *Sen. Lisa Baker (R-20), Sen. Christine Tartaglione (D-2)*  
Updates the definition of “perpetrator” and expands definition of “person responsible for a child’s welfare.”

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**SENATE BILL 24:** *Sen. Randy Vulakovich (R-44), Sen. Larry Farnese (D-1)*  
Requires the Department of Public Welfare to maintain a Statewide Database of Protective Services for reports of child abuse and children in need of protective services.

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**SENATE BILL 25:** *Sen. Randy Vulakovich (R-44), Sen. Lisa Boscola (D-18)*  
Updates procedures used to report child abuse and neglect.

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**SENATE BILL 26:** *Sen. John Yudichak (D-14)*  
Requires DPW to establish a three-digit, statewide number for reporting child abuse or for children in need of protective services.

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**SENATE BILL 27:** *Sen. Bob Mensch (R-24), Sen. Mike Stack (D-5)*  
Improves the exchange of information among medical practitioners and county agencies.

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**SENATE BILL 28:** *Sen. Pat Browne (R-16), Sen. Daylin Leach (D-17)*  
Amends sections of Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) to comprehensively strengthen Pennsylvania’s child abuse laws.



# BIPARTISAN CHILD PROTECTION LEGISLATION CONTINUED



**SENATE BILL 29:** *Sen. Pat Vance (R-31), Sen. Shirley Kitchen (D-3)*

Requires health care providers to immediately report if a newborn is identified as being affected by prenatal exposure to illegal substances.

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**SENATE BILL 30:** *Sen. Ted Erickson (R-26), Sen. Richard Kasunic (D-32)*

Establishes accountability and due process protections for individuals working with delinquent children in juvenile detention facilities and residential rehabilitative institutions and creates an offense for filing false claims of suspected child abuse.

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**SENATE BILL 31:** *Sen. Wayne Fontana (D-42)*

Eliminates the separate system for reporting abuse by school employees.

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**SENATE BILL 32:** *Sen. Andy Dinniman (D-19), Sen. Jim Ferlo (D-38)*

Requires a school district to notify the county agency when a child is enrolled in a home-schooled or cyber-school program and requires the county to do a risk assessment.

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**SENATE BILL 33:** *Sen. Bob Mensch (R-24), Sen. Jim Brewster (D-45)*

Provides employee whistleblower protection for child abuse reporting.

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**SENATE BILL 34:** *Sen. Lloyd Smucker (R-13), Sen. Anthony Williams (D-8)*

Updates the system for professional educators who are investigated and disciplined for misconduct in Pennsylvania.

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**SENATE BILL 46:** *Sen. Anthony Williams (D-8)*

Prevents “passing the trash” – hiring educators who have been investigated, dismissed or disciplined for abuse or sexual misconduct.

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