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Analysis Senate Bill 33, P.N. 692

Prime Sponsor: Senator Bob Mensch

Overview

Amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations) and provides for protection from employment discrimination.

Summary

Amends the Child Protective Services Law to provide “whistleblower” protection by enabling a person to commence an action for appropriate relief in the court of common pleas if all the following apply:

- The person is mandated reporter of suspected child abuse or is encouraged to report suspected child abuse.
- The person acted in good faith in making or causing the report of suspected child abuse to be made.
- As a result of the report, the person is discharged from employment or is discriminated against with respect to compensation, hire, tenure, terms, conditions or privileges of employment.

The court may grant appropriate relief, which may include reinstatement of the plaintiff with back pay.

The Department of Public Welfare may intervene in a commenced action.

Effective Date

60 days