
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY BOSCOLA, COSTA, FONTANA, FARNESE, SCHWANK, AUMENT,
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REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, JUNE 6, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in particular rights and
3 immunities, providing for nondisclosure agreements.

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

6 Section 1. Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 8316.2. Nondisclosure agreements.

9 (a) General rule.--A provision in a settlement agreement
10 that prevents cooperation with law enforcement or disclosure of
11 the underlying facts and circumstances to an action is
12 prohibited in any civil action the factual foundation for which
13 establishes a cause of action for civil damages for an act of
14 sexual abuse or exploitation of a child.

15 (b) Agreement void.--A provision in a settlement agreement
16 entered into on or after the effective date of this section that
17 prevents cooperation with law enforcement or the disclosure of
18 the underlying facts and circumstances to the action described

1 in subsection (a) is void and unenforceable.

2 (c) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "sexual
3 abuse or exploitation" means sexual abuse or exploitation as
4 defined in 23 Pa.C.S. § 6303(a) (relating to definitions).

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