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OWLETT, PICKETT, RYAN, STAATS AND TOPPER, JANUARY 6, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JANUARY 6, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the  
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in depositions and  
3 witnesses, further providing for expert testimony in certain  
4 criminal proceedings.

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

7 Section 1. Section 5920(a) of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 5920. Expert testimony in certain criminal proceedings.

10 (a) Scope.--This section applies to all of the following:

11 (1) A criminal proceeding for an offense for which  
12 registration is required under Subchapter H of Chapter 97  
13 (relating to registration of sexual offenders) or Subchapter  
14 I of Chapter 97 (relating to continued registration of sexual  
15 offenders).

16 (2) A criminal proceeding for an offense [under 18  
17 Pa.C.S. Ch. 31 (relating to sexual offenses).], including  
18 attempt, solicitation or conspiracy, under any of the

1 following provisions of 18 Pa.C.S. (relating to crimes and  
2 offenses):

3 (i) Chapter 30 (relating to human trafficking), if  
4 the offense involved sexual servitude.

5 (ii) Chapter 31 (relating to sexual offenses).

6 (iii) Section 4302 (relating to incest).

7 (iv) Section 4304 (relating to endangering welfare  
8 of children), if the offense involved sexual contact with  
9 the victim.

10 (v) Section 5902(b.1) (relating to prostitution and  
11 related offenses).

12 (vi) Section 6301(a)(1)(i) (relating to corruption  
13 of minors), if the offense involved sexual contact with  
14 the victim.

15 (vii) Section 6301(a)(1)(ii).

16 (viii) Section 6312 (relating to sexual abuse of  
17 children).

18 (ix) Section 6318 (relating to unlawful contact with  
19 minor).

20 (x) Section 6320 (relating to sexual exploitation of  
21 children).

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