Legal Research on the Internet

SWK 515
Social Welfare Policies
Primary Materials

• Federal Legislation & Legislative Resources
  1. Finding bills on “child abuse” or “violence against women” using THOMAS provided by Library of Congress

    THOMAS at http://thomas.loc.gov/

    To search for legislation in current congress, from main page using key words such as “child abuse act”
You’re able to search from previous congresses.

No. of bills that are relevant:

9 bills containing your phrase exactly as entered.
17 bills containing all your search words near each other in any order.
212 bills containing all your search words but not near each other.
762 bills containing one or more of your search words.

Listing of 9 bills containing your phrase exactly as entered:

3. Internet Stopping Adults Facilitating the Exploitation of Today’s Youth Act (SAFETY) of 2007 (Introduced in House)[H.R.837.IH]
4. Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008 (Placed on Calendar in Senate)[S.1745.PCS]
6. Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008 (Engrossed as Agreed to or Passed by House)[H.R.3093.EH]
Federal

• Finding bills and texts from GPO Access Legislative Resources
  
  http://www.gpoaccess.gov

Able to search most recent bills as well as history of bills
Using search terms such as violence against women here.
Using Catalog of U.S. Government Publications

- From Database List located on top bar menu on of SU Library Home Page
- Choose Catalog of the U.S. Government Publications from the list
- For example type in “child abuse act” in search box using keywords
- Click “Go”
# Results for Words: child abuse act

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Notice the available links, click to open.
Finding Bills or Public Laws Commercial Database such as LexisNexis

Library ID is required to access this database

• From Database List choose LexisNexis Congressional
• Once the congressional search form open up, on the left hand column click on Legislative Histories, Bills & Law
• Do the search by Keyword
• Type in “child abuse act” in a search box and change the “search within” to Bills (Full Text) or Public Laws
LexisNexis Congressional Search Page

For public laws search

- Congressional Publications
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Enter search terms: child abuse act
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- Floor Votes

Restrict by Congress:
- Any Congress
- 100(1988 only) to 110(2007-2008)

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UNITED STATES PUBLIC LAWS
109th Congress 2nd Session
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PUBLIC LAW 109-248 [H.R. 4472]
JUL. 27, 2006
ADAM WALSH CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFETY ACT OF 2006

BILL TRACKING REPORT: 109 Bill Tracking H.R. 4472
FULL TEXT VERSION(S) OF BILL: 109 H.R. 4472

An Act

To protect children from sexual exploitation and violent crime, to prevent child abuse and child pornography, to promote Internet safety, and to honor the memory of Adam Walsh and other child crime victims.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

[*1] SECTION 1. <42 USC 16901 note> SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.
Pennsylvania Legislative Bills

- Pennsylvania general assembly
- Use “find legislation by” box is located on top right hand side
- Click on keyword
- Type in search terms “child abuse” and click “go”
Here are your search results:

Your request child abuse matched 44 document(s). 10 documents retrieved.

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Title: HOUSE BILL 1026 P.N. 1198
Searched in: 2007-2008 Bill Text Regular Session
Summary: AN ACT Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further defining, in child protective services, person responsible for the child’s welfare and such further providing, in child protective services, for definitions, for establishment of pending complaint files, statewide central register and file of unfounded reports, for continuous availability.
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Title: HOUSE BILL 76 P.N. 100
Searched in: 2007-2008 Bill Text Regular Session
Summary: AN ACT Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for multidisciplinary teams; establishing Multidisciplinary Response Accounts; providing for additional duties of the Department of Public Welfare and for distribution of funds; and further providing for deposits into account.
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Title: HOUSE BILL 1024 P.N. 1197
Searched in: 2007-2008 Bill Text Regular Session
Summary: AN ACT Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further defining, in child protective services, person responsible for the child’s welfare and such further providing, in child protective services, for definitions, for establishment of pending complaint files, statewide central register and file of unfounded reports, for continuous availability.
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Title: HOUSE BILL 223 P.N. 2165
Searched in: 2007-2008 Bill Text Regular Session
Summary: AN ACT Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing, in child protective services, for definitions, for immunity from liability, for retaining information in confidential reports, for studies of data in records, for investigating performance of county agencies, for citizen review panels, for child abuse services and for reporting.
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Title: SENATE BILL 1026 P.N. 1291
Searched in: 2007-2008 Bill Text Regular Session
Summary: AN ACT Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing, in child protective services, for definitions, for release of information in confid for investigating performance of county agency, for reports to the Governor and General Assembly, for services for prevention, investigation and treatment of child abuse and for reports to Depa.
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Title: HOUSE BILL 223 P.N. 2097
Searched in: 2007-2008 Bill Text Regular Session
Summary: AN ACT Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing, in child protective services, for definitions, FOR IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY, information in confidential reports, FOR STUDIES OF DATA IN RECORDS, FOR investigating performance of county agencies, for citizen review panels, for child abuse services and for reporting.
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Title: HOUSE BILL 265 P.N. 294
Searched in: 2007-2008 Bill Text Regular Session
Summary: AN ACT Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing, in child protective services, for definitions, for release of information in confid for investigating performance of county agency, for reports to the Governor and General Assembly, for services for prevention, investigation and treatment of child abuse and for reports to Depa.
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Secondary Authority

• News

Use “ProQuest Newspapers” from SU database list

Can search both national and local newspapers
Access from Databases list here

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