

No. 2006-175

AN ACT

SB 845

Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for court-appointed child custody health care or behavioral health practitioners.

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

Section 1. Title 23 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

§ 5315. *Court-appointed child custody health care or behavioral health practitioners.*

No party to a child custody matter in which the court has appointed a licensed health care or behavioral health practitioner to assist the court by conducting an examination or evaluation of the parties involved or making a recommendation concerning a child custody agreement or order may be permitted to file a complaint against the practitioner with the practitioner's State licensing board prior to the final agreement or order being issued and for 60 days thereafter. As used in this section, "licensed health care or behavioral health practitioner" means a person who is licensed, certified, accredited or otherwise regulated by the Commonwealth to provide health care or behavioral health services.

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

APPROVED—The 29th day of November, A.D. 2006.

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