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Replace line 51 on page 2 with the following:

This bill would further provide for the procedures, timelines, penalties, and prosecutions related to mandatory reporting of child abuse or neglect.

This bill would also make various conforming

Replace line 81 on page 3 with the following:

conforming changes; to amend Sections 26-14-3, Code of Alabama 1975, to further provide for the circumstances when a mandatory reporter must submit a report to a duly constituted authority; to further provide for the timeline of submitting reports; to provide an enhanced penalty for subsequent violations; to further provide for the commencement of prosecution; and to make nonsubstantive, technical

Replace line 559 on page 20 with the following:

Section 6. Section 26-14-3, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§26-14-3



(a) ~~All hospitals, clinics, sanitariums, doctors, physicians, surgeons, medical examiners, coroners, dentists, osteopaths, optometrists, chiropractors, podiatrists, physical therapists, nurses, public and private K-12 employees, school teachers and officials, peace officers, law enforcement officials, pharmacists, social workers, day care workers or employees, mental health professionals, employees of public and private institutions of postsecondary and higher education, members of the clergy as defined in Rule 505 of the Alabama Rules of Evidence, or any other person called upon to render aid or medical assistance to any child, when the child is known or suspected to be a victim of child abuse or neglect, shall be required to report orally, either by telephone or direct communication immediately, and shall be followed by a written report, to a duly constituted authority.~~ (1) An individual or entity identified in subdivision (2) shall submit an oral report to a law enforcement official or the Department of Human Resources immediately upon knowing or suspecting that a child is a victim of child abuse or neglect, receiving a report from a third party that a child is or is suspected of being a victim of child abuse or neglect, or obtaining any other information that would lead a



reasonable person to believe or suspect that a child is a  
victim of child abuse or neglect. The individual or  
entity shall submit an additional written report to the  
official or department within 72 hours of the oral  
report.

(2) All of the following are subject to the  
requirements of subdivision (1):

- a. A hospital.
- b. A clinic.
- c. A sanitarium.
- d. A doctor.
- e. A physician.
- f. A surgeon.
- g. A medical examiner.
- h. A coroner.
- i. A dentist.
- j. An osteopath.
- k. An optometrist.
- l. A chiropractor.
- m. A podiatrist.
- n. A physical therapist.
- o. A nurse.
- p. A public or private K-12 school employee.
- q. A school teacher.



73 r. A school official.

74 s. A peace officer.

75 t. A law enforcement official.

76 u. A pharmacist.

77 v. A social worker.

78 w. A day care worker or employee.

79 x. A mental health professional.

80 y. An employee of a public or private institution of  
81 postsecondary or higher education.

82 z. A member of the clergy as defined in Rule 505 of  
83 the Alabama Rules of Evidence.

84 aa. Any other person called upon to render aid or  
85 medical assistance to any child.

86 (b) (1) ~~When an initial~~ Immediately upon the receipt  
87 of a report ~~is made to a law enforcement official pursuant~~  
88 to subsection (a), the law enforcement official  
89 ~~subsequently~~ shall inform the Department of Human  
90 Resources of the report so that the department can carry  
91 out its responsibility to provide protective services  
92 when deemed appropriate to the respective child or  
93 children.

94 (2) As soon as is practicable after the receipt of a  
95 report ~~of known or suspected child abuse or neglect is~~  
96 made pursuant to subsection (a), the Department of Human



Resources shall make efforts to determine the military status of the parent or guardian of the child who is the subject of the child abuse or neglect allegation.

(3) If the Department of Human Resources determines that a parent or guardian under subdivision (2) is in the military, the department shall notify a United States Department of Defense family advocacy program at ~~the military installation of~~ the parent or ~~guardian~~ guardian's military installation that there is an allegation of child abuse or neglect that is being investigated ~~that~~ which involves a child of the military parent or guardian.

(c) When the Department of Human Resources receives initial reports of suspected abuse or neglect, ~~as defined in Section 26-14-1,~~ including suspected abuse or neglect involving discipline or corporal punishment committed in a public or private school or suspected abuse or neglect in a state-operated child residential facility, the Department of Human Resources shall transmit a copy of school reports ~~to the law enforcement agency and or~~ or residential facility reports to the law enforcement agency and the operating state agency which shall conduct the investigation. When the investigation is completed, a written report of the completed investigation ~~shall~~



~~contain~~ containing the information required by the ~~state~~  
State Department of Human Resources ~~which~~ shall be  
submitted by the law enforcement agency or the state  
agency to the county department of human resources for  
entry into the state's central registry.

(d) Nothing in this chapter shall preclude  
interagency agreements between departments of human  
resources, law enforcement, ~~and~~ or any other state  
agencies on procedures for investigating reports of  
suspected child abuse and neglect to provide for  
departments of human resources to assist law enforcement  
~~and~~ or other state agencies in these investigations.

~~(e) Any provision of this section to the contrary  
notwithstanding, if any agency or authority investigates  
any report pursuant to this section and the report does  
not result in a conviction, the agency or authority shall  
expunge any record of the information or report and any  
data developed from the record.~~

~~(f)~~ (e) Subsection (a) to the contrary  
notwithstanding, a member of the clergy shall not be  
required to report information gained solely in a  
confidential communication privileged pursuant to Rule  
505 of the Alabama Rules of Evidence, ~~which~~ and the  
communication shall continue to be privileged as provided



by law.

~~(g)~~ (f) (1) Commencing on August 1, 2013, a public or private employer who discharges, suspends, disciplines, or penalizes an employee solely for reporting suspected child abuse or neglect pursuant to this section shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor.

(2) A violation of subdivision (1) following a previous conviction for a violation of subdivision (1) shall be a Class C felony.

(g) (1) A misdemeanor prosecution for a violation of this section must be commenced within 12 months after the violation was first reported to a law enforcement agency.

(2) A felony prosecution for a violation of this section must be commenced within five years after the violation was first reported to a law enforcement agency."

Section 7. This act shall become effective on October