

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2005 and 2006 HB5219

Introduced 01/24/06, by Rep. David R. Leitch

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2630/3.2 325 ILCS 5/7 325 ILCS 5/7.3 from Ch. 38, par. 206-3.2 from Ch. 23, par. 2057 from Ch. 23, par. 2057.3

Amends the Criminal Identification Act. Expands the circumstances under which medical personnel must notify local law enforcement of injuries. Requires notification for injuries that reasonably appear to have resulted from stabbing. Provides that injuries that must be reported by medical personnel if sustained in the commission of or as a victim of a criminal offense, include, but are not limited to: death, head injury (skull fracture, brain damage, or bleeding in the brain, such as subdural hematoma or shaken-baby syndrome), internal injury, burning, scalding, poison or noxious substance exposure, bone fracture, sexual penetration, and any other physical injury suggestive of or related to sexual molestation or sexual exploitation. Provides that any hospital, physician, or nurse who willfully fails to notify the local law enforcement agency as required shall be reported to the appropriate professional organizations and the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation for disciplinary action and, for a first offense, is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. Sets forth that any person who violates this reporting requirement a second or subsequent time commits a Class 4 felony. Amends the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. Provides that reports of suspected child abuse or neglect made to the central register through the State-wide, toll-free telephone number shall be immediately transmitted to the appropriate local law enforcement agency. Provides that all oral reports made by the Department of Children and Family Services to local law enforcement personnel and the office of the State's Attorney of the involved county shall be confirmed in writing within 24 (instead of 48) hours of the oral report. Provides that the Department may adopt rules expressly allowing law enforcement personnel to investigate reports of suspected child abuse or neglect concurrently with the Department, without regard to whether the Department determines a report to be "indicated" or "unfounded" or deems a report to be "undetermined". Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Criminal Identification Act is amended by changing Section 3.2 as follows:
- 6 (20 ILCS 2630/3.2) (from Ch. 38, par. 206-3.2)
 - Sec. 3.2. It is the duty of any person conducting or operating a medical facility, or any physician or nurse as soon as treatment permits to notify the local law enforcement agency of that jurisdiction upon the application for treatment of a person (adult or minor) who is not accompanied by a law enforcement officer, when it reasonably appears that the person requesting treatment has received:
 - (1) any injury resulting from the discharge of a firearm or stabbing; or
 - (2) any injury sustained in the commission of or as a victim of a criminal offense, including, but not limited to: death, head injury (skull fracture, brain damage, or bleeding in the brain, such as subdural hematoma or shaken-baby syndrome), internal injury, burning, scalding, poison or noxious substance exposure, bone fracture, sexual penetration, and any other physical injury suggestive of or related to sexual molestation or sexual exploitation.
 - Any hospital, physician or nurse shall be forever held harmless from any civil liability for their reasonable compliance with the provisions of this Section.
 - Any hospital, physician, or nurse who willfully fails to notify the local law enforcement agency as required by this Section shall be reported to the appropriate professional organizations and the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation for disciplinary action and, for a first offense, is

- 1 guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. Any person who violates this
- 2 <u>Section a second or subsequent time is guilty of a Class 4</u>
- 3 felony.
- 4 (Source: P.A. 86-1475.)
- Section 10. The Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act is amended by changing Sections 7 and 7.3 as follows:
- 7 (325 ILCS 5/7) (from Ch. 23, par. 2057)
- Sec. 7. Time and manner of making reports. All reports of suspected child abuse or neglect made under this Act shall be made immediately by telephone to the central register established under Section 7.7 on the single, State-wide,
- toll-free telephone number established in Section 7.6, or in
- 13 person or by telephone through the nearest Department office.
- 14 The Department shall, in cooperation with school officials,
- 15 distribute appropriate materials in school buildings listing
- the toll-free telephone number established in Section 7.6,
- including methods of making a report under this Act. The
- Department may, in cooperation with appropriate members of the
- 19 clergy, distribute appropriate materials in churches,
- 20 synagogues, temples, mosques, or other religious buildings
- 21 listing the toll-free telephone number established in Section
- 7.6, including methods of making a report under this Act.
- Wherever the Statewide number is posted, there shall also be posted the following notice:
- 25 "Any person who knowingly transmits a false report to the
- 26 Department commits the offense of disorderly conduct under
- subsection (a) (7) of Section 26-1 of the Criminal Code of 1961.
- 28 A first violation of this subsection is a Class A misdemeanor,
- 29 punishable by a term of imprisonment for up to one year, or by
- a fine not to exceed \$1,000, or by both such term and fine. A
- 31 second or subsequent violation is a Class 4 felony."
- 32 The report required by this Act shall include, if known,
- 33 the name and address of the child and his parents or other
- 34 persons having his custody; the child's age; the nature of the

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child's condition including any evidence of previous injuries or disabilities; and any other information that the person filing the report believes might be helpful in establishing the cause of such abuse or neglect and the identity of the person believed to have caused such abuse or neglect. Reports made to central register through the State-wide, toll-free telephone number shall be immediately transmitted to the appropriate Child Protective Service Unit and to the appropriate local law enforcement agency. The Department shall within 24 hours orally notify local law enforcement personnel and the office of the State's Attorney of the involved county of the receipt of any report alleging the death of a child, serious injury to a child including, but not limited to, brain damage, skull fractures, subdural hematomas, and, internal injuries, torture of a child, malnutrition of a child, and sexual abuse to a child, including, but not limited to, sexual intercourse, sexual exploitation, sexual molestation, sexually transmitted disease in a child age twelve and under. All oral reports made by the Department to local enforcement personnel and the office of the State's Attorney of the involved county shall be confirmed in writing within 24 48 hours of the oral report. All reports by persons mandated to report under this Act shall be confirmed in writing to the appropriate Child Protective Service Unit, which may be on forms supplied by the Department, within 48 hours of any initial report.

Written confirmation reports from persons not required to report by this Act may be made to the appropriate Child Protective Service Unit. Written reports from persons required by this Act to report shall be admissible in evidence in any judicial proceeding relating to child abuse or neglect. Reports involving known or suspected child abuse or neglect in public or private residential agencies or institutions shall be made and received in the same manner as all other reports made under this Act.

36 (Source: P.A. 92-801, eff. 8-16-02.)

- 1 (325 ILCS 5/7.3) (from Ch. 23, par. 2057.3)
- 2 Sec. 7.3.

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- 3 (a) The Department shall be the sole agency responsible for 4 receiving and investigating reports of child abuse or neglect made under this Act, except where investigations by other 5 agencies may be required with respect to reports alleging the 6 7 death of a child, serious injury to a child or sexual abuse to 8 a child made pursuant to Sections 4.1 or 7 of this Act, and except that the Department may delegate the performance of the 9 10 investigation to the Department of State Police, 11 enforcement agency and to those private social service agencies 12 which have been designated for this purpose by the Department prior to July 1, 1980. 13
 - (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the

 Department may adopt rules expressly allowing law enforcement

 personnel to investigate reports of suspected child abuse or

 neglect concurrently with the Department, without regard to

 whether the Department determines a report to be "indicated" or

 "unfounded" or deems a report to be "undetermined".
- 20 (Source: P.A. 85-1440.)
- 21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 22 becoming law.