SENATE BILL 131

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By: Senators Zirkin and Lee

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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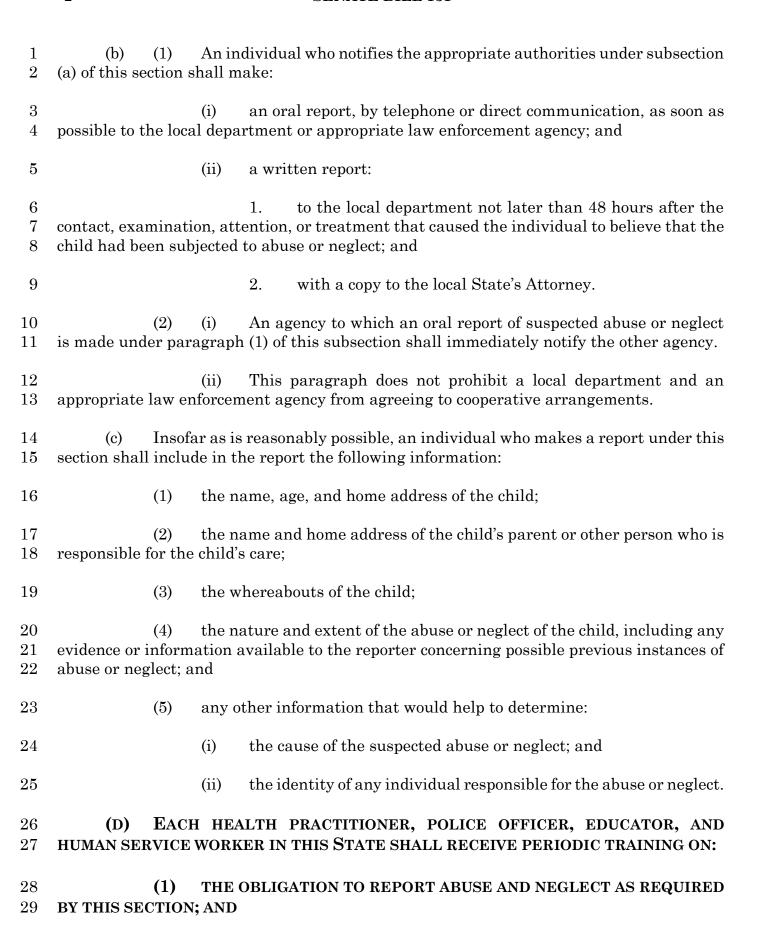
Child Abuse and Neglect - Training

- 3 FOR the purpose of requiring that each health practitioner, police officer, educator, and 4 human service worker in this State receive periodic training on the obligation to 5 report child abuse and neglect and on the identification of abused and neglected 6 children; and generally relating to child abuse and neglect.
- 7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 8 Article – Family Law
- 9 Section 5–704
- 10 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)
- 12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND.
- 13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Family Law 14

- 15 5-704.
- 16 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including any law on privileged communications, each health practitioner, police officer, educator, or human service 17 worker, acting in a professional capacity in this State: 18
- 19 who has reason to believe that a child has been subjected to abuse or 20 neglect, shall notify the local department or the appropriate law enforcement agency; and
- 21if acting as a staff member of a hospital, public health agency, child care 22 institution, juvenile detention center, school, or similar institution, shall immediately 23notify and give all information required by this section to the head of the institution or the 24designee of the head.





- 1 (2) THE IDENTIFICATION OF ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN.
- 2 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 3 October 1, 2018.