

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0008

Child abuse-reporting requirements.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Gingery

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to child protective services; amending the  
2 mandatory requirement to report child abuse and neglect;  
3 amending penalties for failure to report and for false  
4 reporting; providing a definition; and providing for an  
5 effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 14-3-205(a), (d) and by creating new  
10 subsections (e) and (f) is amended to read:

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12 **14-3-205. Child abuse or neglect; persons required to**  
13 **report; false reporting; penalties.**

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15 (a) Any mandated reporter or other person who knows  
16 or has reasonable cause to believe or suspect that a child  
17 has been abused or neglected or who observes any child

1 being subjected to conditions or circumstances that would  
2 reasonably result in abuse or neglect, shall immediately  
3 report it to the child protective agency or local law  
4 enforcement agency or cause a report to be made.

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6 (d) Any person who knowingly and intentionally makes  
7 a false report of child abuse or neglect, or who encourages  
8 or coerces another person to make a false report of child  
9 abuse or neglect, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by  
10 imprisonment for not more than ~~six (6) months~~ one (1) year,  
11 a fine of not more than ~~seven hundred fifty dollars~~  
12 ~~(\$750.00)~~ one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or both.

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14 (e) Any mandated reporter who knowingly fails to  
15 report as required by subsection (a) of this section is  
16 guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not  
17 more than one (1) year, a fine of not more than one  
18 thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or both.

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20 (f) As used in this section, "mandated reporter"  
21 means a person employed by an organization or public agency  
22 tasked with the care or protection of children,  
23 specifically:

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1           (i) Law enforcement;

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3           (ii) Child care providers;

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5           (iii) Child protection or other social services;

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7           (iv) Educational institutions; and

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9           (v) Healthcare providers.

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11       **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2013.

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