

SENATE FILE NO. SF0101

Child abuse-reporting penalties.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Nutting

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to children; imposing penalties for failing
2 to report child abuse; increasing the penalty for falsely
3 reporting child abuse; and providing for an effective date.

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

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 14-3-205(a) and (d) is amended to
8 read:

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10 **14-3-205. Child abuse or neglect; persons required to**
11 **report.**

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13 (a) Any person who knows or has reasonable cause to
14 believe or suspect that a child has been abused or
15 neglected or who observes any child being subjected to
16 conditions or circumstances that would reasonably result in
17 abuse or neglect, shall immediately report it to the child

1 protective agency or local law enforcement agency or cause
2 a report to be made. Any person who knowingly fails to
3 make a report required by this subsection is guilty of a
4 misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than
5 one (1) year, a fine of not more than one thousand dollars
6 (\$1,000.00), or both.

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8 (d) Any person who knowingly and intentionally makes
9 a false report of child abuse or neglect, or who encourages
10 or coerces another person to make a false report of child
11 abuse or neglect, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by
12 imprisonment for not more than ~~six (6) months~~ one (1) year,
13 a fine of not more than ~~seven hundred fifty dollars~~
14 ~~(\$750.00)~~ one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or both.

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

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