

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; and providing for an effective date.

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

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

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11 **14-3-205. Child abuse or neglect; persons required to**
12 **report; false reporting; penalties.**

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14 (a) Any person or agency who knows, or has reasonable
15 cause to believe or suspect sufficient knowledge which a
16 prudent and cautious person in similar circumstances would
17 have to believe, that a child has been or is being abused

1 or neglected or who observes any child being subjected to
2 conditions or circumstances that would cause a prudent and
3 cautious person to reasonably believe that the conditions
4 or circumstances are likely to result in abuse or neglect,
5 shall immediately report it to the child protective agency
6 or local law enforcement agency or cause a report to be
7 made.

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9 (d) Any person who knowingly and intentionally makes
10 a false report of child abuse or neglect, or who encourages
11 or coerces another person to make a false report of child
12 abuse or neglect, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by
13 imprisonment for not more than ~~six (6) months~~ one (1) year,
14 a fine of not more than ~~seven hundred fifty dollars~~
15 ~~(\$750.00)~~ one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or both.

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

