

Bill No.: HB0243

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Chapter No.: 185

Prime Sponsor: Brown

Catch Title: Child abuse.

Subject: Amends elements constituting child abuse and increases penalties as specified.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This bill:
 - Adds torture or cruel confinement of child as a basis for child abuse with penalties for child abuse amended as follows:
 - Increases the penalty for intentionally or recklessly inflicting child abuse of a child under the age of 16 by a person who is not responsible for the child's welfare from imprisonment for not more than 5 years to imprisonment for not more than 10 years;
 - Increases the penalty for intentionally or recklessly inflicting child abuse of a child under the age of 18 by a person who is responsible for the child's welfare from imprisonment for not more than 5 years to imprisonment for not more than 10 years;
 - Specifies aggravated child abuse, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 25 years, may include the intentional infliction of substantial mental or emotional injury upon a child by the torture or cruel confinement of the child.

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