

## HB 1491 -- Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting

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Currently, when a mandatory reporter has reasonable cause to suspect that a child has been or may be subjected to abuse or neglect or observes a child being subjected to conditions or circumstances which would reasonably result in abuse or neglect, he or she must immediately report or cause a report to be made to the Children's Division within the Department of Social Services. This bill removes the option of causing a report to be made and requires a mandatory reporter to immediately report it to the division.