

HB 1689 -- Abuse of a Child

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This bill expands the crime of abuse of a child to include when a person knowingly inflicts physical injury to a child younger than 17 years of age which results in subdural hematomas and retinal hemorrhages, commonly known as Shaken Baby Syndrome, caused by the shaking, jerking, pushing, pulling, slamming, or kicking of the child.

The crime of abuse of a child is a class C felony unless the person inflicts serious emotional injury on the child or the offense is committed as part of a ritual or ceremony, in which case it is a class B felony, or the child dies as a result of the injuries sustained, in which case it is a class A felony.