



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 6464**

LCO No. 3516



Referred to Committee on CHILDREN

Introduced by:  
(KID)

**AN ACT CONCERNING SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2013*) (a) As used in this  
2 section, "infant or young child" means any child three years of age or  
3 younger, and "shaken baby syndrome" means damage to the brain of  
4 an infant or young child, including, but not limited to, swelling that  
5 impedes the supply of oxygen to the brain or any degree of brain  
6 damage that results from the infant or young child having been  
7 forcefully shaken.

8 (b) Any individual who intentionally shakes or causes to be shaken  
9 an infant or young child causing injuries consistent with shaken baby  
10 syndrome shall be guilty of a class C felony, except that if death results  
11 such individual shall be guilty of a class B felony.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	New section
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To increase the criminal penalty for causing injuries resulting in shaken baby syndrome.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*