
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 244

AN ACT REQUIRING BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS TO BE MANDATED REPORTERS OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT.

SUMMARY

This bill adds licensed behavior analysts to the statutory list of mandated reporters of suspected child abuse and neglect.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2018

BACKGROUND

Mandated Reporters

By law, people in certain professions and occupations who have contact with children or whose primary focus is children must report suspected child abuse or neglect (CGS § 17a-101). As mandated reporters they must make such a report when, in the ordinary course of their employment or profession, they have reasonable cause to believe or suspect that a child under age 18 has been abused, neglected, or placed in imminent risk of serious harm (CGS § 17a-101a). A mandated reporter who fails to report may be subject to criminal penalties.

Related Bill

sSB 404, favorably reported by the Public Health Committee, also adds behavior analysts to the list of mandated reporters of suspected patient abuse and neglect.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18 Nay 1 (03/20/2018)