



# Senate

General Assembly

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Senate Bill No. 244

*Senate, April 4, 2018*

The Committee on Human Services reported through SEN. MOORE, M. of the 22nd Dist. and SEN. MARKLEY, J. of the 16th Dist., Chairpersons of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

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

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 17a-101 of the 2018 supplement  
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in  
3 lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

4 (b) The following persons shall be mandated reporters: (1) Any  
5 physician or surgeon licensed under the provisions of chapter 370, (2)  
6 any resident physician or intern in any hospital in this state, whether  
7 or not so licensed, (3) any registered nurse, (4) any licensed practical  
8 nurse, (5) any medical examiner, (6) any dentist, (7) any dental  
9 hygienist, (8) any psychologist, (9) any school employee, as defined in  
10 section 53a-65, (10) any social worker, (11) any person who holds or is  
11 issued a coaching permit by the State Board of Education, is a coach of  
12 intramural or interscholastic athletics and is eighteen years of age or  
13 older, (12) any individual who is employed as a coach or director of  
14 youth athletics and is eighteen years of age or older, (13) any

15 individual who is employed as a coach or director of a private youth  
 16 sports organization, league or team and is eighteen years of age or  
 17 older, (14) any paid administrator, faculty, staff, athletic director,  
 18 athletic coach or athletic trainer employed by a public or private  
 19 institution of higher education who is eighteen years of age or older,  
 20 excluding student employees, (15) any police officer, (16) any juvenile  
 21 or adult probation officer, (17) any juvenile or adult parole officer, (18)  
 22 any member of the clergy, (19) any pharmacist, (20) any physical  
 23 therapist, (21) any optometrist, (22) any chiropractor, (23) any  
 24 podiatrist, (24) any mental health professional, (25) any physician  
 25 assistant, (26) any person who is a licensed or certified emergency  
 26 medical services provider, (27) any person who is a licensed or  
 27 certified alcohol and drug counselor, (28) any person who is a licensed  
 28 marital and family therapist, (29) any person who is a sexual assault  
 29 counselor or a domestic violence counselor, as defined in section 52-  
 30 146k, (30) any person who is a licensed professional counselor, (31) any  
 31 person who is a licensed foster parent, (32) any person paid to care for  
 32 a child in any public or private facility, child care center, group child  
 33 care home or family child care home licensed by the state, (33) any  
 34 employee of the Department of Children and Families, (34) any  
 35 employee of the Department of Public Health, (35) any employee of the  
 36 Office of Early Childhood who is responsible for the licensing of child  
 37 care centers, group child care homes, family child care homes or youth  
 38 camps, (36) any paid youth camp director or assistant director, (37) the  
 39 Child Advocate and any employee of the Office of the Child Advocate,  
 40 [and] (38) any person who is a licensed behavior analyst, and (39) any  
 41 family relations counselor, family relations counselor trainee or family  
 42 services supervisor employed by the Judicial Department.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	17a-101(b)

**HS**            *Joint Favorable*

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***OFA Fiscal Note******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill, which requires that behavior analysts become mandated reporters of suspected child abuse and neglect, does not result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities. It is anticipated that processing potential additional reports from behavior analysts can be accommodated within the normally budgeted resources of DCF's Careline.

***The Out Years******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

**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)