

# Human Services Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** SB-244

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

**Vote Date:** 3/20/2018

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 3/15/2018

**File No.:**

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## **SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Human Services Committee

## **REASONS FOR BILL:**

This bill would add behavioral analysts to the statewide list of mandated reporters of suspected child abuse or neglect. Behavioral analysts, while already mandated reporters, are not listed and as they do work within the community, this legislation would close that gap.

## **RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

Sarah Eagan, Office of the Child Advocate; supports this bill and states that current law provides for a variety of licensed and credentialed professionals to be mandated reporters, including health care professionals, social workers, school employees, and child care staff. As behavioral analysts work with children in the community, and those with disabilities are at greater risk of abuse or neglect, it is imperative that those professionals who work closely with these children are part of the network of mandated reporters.

## **NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

Connecticut Association for Behavioral Analysts; in support of this legislation.

9 organizations submitted joint testimony in support of this legislation.

:Behavioral Analysts Leadership Council, Autism Speaks, Marrakech Inc., Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES), Capital Region Education Council (CREC), CT Autism Action Coalition (CAAC), CT Families for Effective Autism Treatment (CTFEAT), Laviano, LLC, and a Special Education Advocate.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

No opposition was submitted.

**Reported by: Kayleigh Royston**

**Date: 03/28/2018**