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SENATE FILE 23/ BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES Approximately (\$150) (SUCCESSOR TO SSB 2130)

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Vote: Ayes 48 Nays 5 Vote: Ayes 96 Nays 6

Approved 417, 1992

A BILL FOR

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 - 31 simultaneously. If child abuse and dependent adult abuse
 - 32 mandatory reporter training are combined, however, a person
 - 33 shall complete a minimum of three hours of training.
 - 34 Sec. 12. NEW SECTION, 726.9 HOMICIDE BY ABUSE.
 - 35 I. A person commits homicide by abuse if, under

1 circumstances manifesting an extreme indifference to human 2 life, the person causes the death of a child or person under 3 sixteen years of age, a developmentally disabled person, or a 4 dependent adult, and the person has previously engaged in a 5 pattern or practice of assault or torture of the child, person 6 under sixteen years of age, developmentally disabled person, 7 or dependent adult.

- 3 2. Homicide by abuse is a class "A" felony.
- 9 EXPLANATION

25 public record of the case.

This bill amends provisions of the child abuse and dependent adult abuse chapters of the Code. In regard to child abuse, the bill provides for a three-year limitation on departmental investigations of physical abuse and denial of critical care unless the injury required or should have required medical attention or resulted in permanent disability or death to the child, allows for the sharing of information between department of human services and law enforcement officials, allows nursing and substance abuse professionals to be members of multidisciplinary teams, provides for access to child abuse information in proceedings to correct the information during the appeals process, and provides access to founded child abuse information only by the department of personnel as necessary for grievance or arbitration procedures

In regard to dependent adult abuse, the bill provides that the proof of either the deprivation of physical or mental health care, but not both, is necessary to show denial of self-care for a report of dependent adult abuse, adds income maintenance workers to the list of mandatory reporters, adds physical injury which is at a variance with the history of the injury to the definition of "physical abuse", provides that reports of denial of self-care are to be maintained in the files of dependent adults solely as assessments and are not to be included in the central registry, and modifies the training

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      The bill also establishes the crime of homicide by abuse
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 4 which relates to a person causing the death of a child or
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SENATE FILE 2231

S-5126

- Amend Senate File 2231 as follows:
- 1. Page 3, by striking lines 31 through 33 and
- 3 inserting the following: "simultaneously. If child
- 4 abuse and dependent adult abuse mandatory reporter
- 5 training are combined, a minimum of three hours of
- 6 training is required. If less than three hours of
- 7 combined training is completed, however, the
- 8 curriculum and content of the training shall be
- 9 submitted, for approval, to the department of human
- 10 services.

By LARRY MURPHY

S-5126 FILED MARCH 3, 1992 W/S 3/15 (p.837)

SENATE FILE 2231

S-5148

- 1 Amend Senate File 2231 as follows:
- 1. Page 3, by striking lines 31 through 33 and
- 3 inserting the following: "simultaneously. A person
- 4 who is a mandatory reporter for both child abuse and
- 5 dependent adult abuse may satisfy the combined
- 6 training requirements of this subsection through 7 completion of a two-hour training program, if the
- 8 training program curriculum and content is approved by
- 9 the department of human services."

By LARRY MURPHY

S-5148 FILED MARCH 9, 1992 (Adopted 3/15(p.837)

SENATE FILE **223/**BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 2130)

(AS AMENDED AND PASSED BY THE SENATE MARCH 18, 1992)

- New Language by the Senate

Passed Senate, Date 4/13/92(4.1375) Passed House, Date 4/3/92(p.1067)

Vote: Ayes 49 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 96 Nays 0

Approved 4512, 1992 (\$1670)

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SENATE FILE 2231

H-5582

- Amend Senate File 2231, as amended, passed, and 2 reprinted by the Senate, as follows:
- Page 1, by striking lines 1 through 24.
- Page 4, by striking lines 2 through 11. Title page, lines 1 and 2, by striking the
- 6 words "the limitations on departmental
- 7 investigations,".
 - 4. Title page, line 6, by inserting after the
 - 9 word "abuse," the following: "and".
- 5. Title page, by striking lines 7 and 8, and
- 11 inserting the following: "of mandatory reporter
- 12 training."
- 6. By renumbering as necessary.

BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES HAVERLAND of Polk, Chairperson

H-5582 FILED MARCH 27, 1992 adopted 4/3(p.1067)

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE FILE 2231

S-5555

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6. By renumbering as necessary.

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S-5555 FILED APRIL 3, 1992 Senate concurred 4/13/92 (4. 1374)

SENATE FILE 2231

S-5580

- Amend the House amendment, S-5555, to Senate File 2 2231, as amended, passed, and reprinted by the Senate, 3 as follows:
- 1. Page 1, line 4, by inserting after the figure 5 "ll" the following: "and inserting the following:
- . Section 726.6, Code 1991, is amended by

7 adding the following new subsections:

- NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. A person who commits child 9 endangerment resulting in the death of a child or
- 10 minor is guilty of a class "A" felony.
 11 NEW SUBSECTION. 1B. A person who commits child 12 endangerment who has previously engaged in a pattern
- 13 or practice of assault or torture of the child or
- 14 minor, previously resulting in serious injury to the
- 15 child or minor, is guilty of a class "B" felony"."
- 2. Page 1, by striking lines 8 through 12 and 17 inserting the following:
- " . Title page, by striking lines 7 and 8, and 19 inserting the following: "of mandatory reporter
- 20 training, and providing penalties.""

3. By renumbering as necessary. By ELAINE SZYMONIAK

S-5580 FILED APRIL 7, 1992 Low 4/13 (p. 1374)

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SSB 2130 Human Resources

SENATE FILE 223/
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES BILL
BY CHAIRPERSON HANNON)

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AN ACT

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- 1. Notwithstanding chapter 22, the confidentiality of all child abuse information shall be maintained, except as specifically provided by subsection 2_2 and subsection 3_7 or 4_7 .
- Sec. 4. Section 235A.15, Code Supplement 1991, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 4. Access to founded child abuse information only is authorized to the department of personnel as necessary for presentation in grievance or arbitration procedures provided for in sections 19A.14 and 20.18. Child abuse information introduced into a grievance or arbitration proceeding shall not be considered a part of the public record of a case.

Sec. 5. Section 235A.19, subsection 2, paragraph 5, Code 1991, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

NEW SUBPARAGRAPS. (7) To persons involved in an investigation of child abuse.

- Sec. 6. Section 2358.2, subsection 5, paragraph a, sub-paragraph (1), Code Supplement 1991, is amended to read as follows:
- (1) Physical injury to, or injury which is at a variance with the history given of the injury, or unreasonable confinement or unreasonable punishment of a dependent adult.
- Sec. 7. Section 2358.2, subsection 5, paragraph b, Code Supplement 1991, is amended to read as follows:
- b. The deprivation of the minimum food, shelter, clothing, supervision, physical and or mental health care, and other care necessary to maintain a dependent adult's life or health as a result of the acts or omissions of the dependent adult.
- Sec. 8. Section 2358.3, subsection 1, Code Supplement 1991, is amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:

NEW UNNIMBERSO PARAGRAPS. Reports of dependent adult abuse which is the result of the acts or omissions of the dependent adult shall be collected and maintained in the files of the dependent adult as assessments only and shall not be included in the central registry.

- Sec. 9. Section 2358.3, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code Supplement 1991, is amended to read as follows:
- b. A social worker or an income maintenance worker under the jurisdiction of the department of human services.
- Sec. 10. Section 2353.16, subsection 5, unnumbered paragraph 4, Code Supplement 1991, is amended to read ac follows:

A person required to complete both coild abuse and dependent adult abuse mandatory reporter training may complete the training through a program which combines child abuse and dependent adult abuse curricula and thereby meet the training requirements of both this subsection and section 232.69 simultaneously. A person who is a mandatory reporter for both

child abuse and dependent adult abuse may satisfy the combined training requirements of this subsection through completion of a two-hour training program, if the training program corriculum and content is approved by the department of human services.

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I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 2231, Seventy-fourth General Assembly.

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