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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act establishing physical injury indicators of child abuse and  
2 physical abuse and neglect as used in the juvenile justice  
3 code.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 232.2, subsection 42, Code 1997, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 42. "Physical abuse or neglect" or "abuse or neglect"  
4 means any nonaccidental physical injury suffered by a child as  
5 the result of the acts or omissions of the child's parent,  
6 guardian, or custodian or other person legally responsible for  
7 the child. Indicators of a physical injury include but are  
8 not limited to a welt, bruise, mark, or other evidence of  
9 physical injury which exists for a period of twenty-four hours  
10 or more.

11 Sec. 2. Section 232.68, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code  
12 1997, is amended to read as follows:

13 a. Any nonaccidental physical injury, or injury which is  
14 at variance with the history given of it, suffered by a child  
15 as the result of the acts or omissions of a person responsible  
16 for the care of the child. Indicators of a physical injury  
17 include but are not limited to a welt, bruise, mark, or other  
18 evidence of injury which exists for a period of twenty-four  
19 hours or more.

20 EXPLANATION

21 This bill establishes physical injury indicators of child  
22 abuse and physical abuse and neglect as used in the juvenile  
23 justice code (Code chapter 232).

24 The definition of physical abuse or neglect and abuse or  
25 neglect in Code section 232.2 is amended to provide indicators  
26 of physical injury. Indicators include but are not limited to  
27 a welt, bruise, mark, or other evidence of injury which exists  
28 for a period of 24 hours or more.

29 The definition of child abuse in Code section 232.68 is  
30 amended with similar language.

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