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SENATE BILL 10-066

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE REQUIREMENT THAT CERTAIN PERSONS REPORT
102 CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The bill clarifies that the requirement that certain persons report child abuse or neglect does not apply if a person does not have reasonable cause to know of or suspect the abuse or neglect until the child is 18 years of age or older.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** 19-3-304 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
3 amended to read:

4 **19-3-304. Persons required to report child abuse or neglect.**

5 (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided by section 19-3-307, ~~and~~ sections
6 25-1-122 (4) (d) and 25-4-1404 (1) (d), C.R.S., AND PARAGRAPH (b) OF
7 THIS SUBSECTION (1), any person specified in subsection (2) of this
8 section who has reasonable cause to know or suspect that a child has been
9 subjected to abuse or neglect or who has observed the child being
10 subjected to circumstances or conditions ~~which~~ THAT would reasonably
11 result in abuse or neglect shall immediately upon receiving such
12 information report or cause a report to be made of such fact to the county
13 department or local law enforcement agency.

14 (b) IF A PERSON DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION
15 HAS REASONABLE CAUSE TO KNOW OR SUSPECT THAT A CHILD HAS BEEN
16 SUBJECTED TO ABUSE OR NEGLECT, BUT THE PERSON DOES NOT HAVE SUCH
17 REASONABLE CAUSE UNTIL THE CHILD IS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR
18 OLDER, THE REPORTING REQUIREMENT DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (a) OF
19 THIS SUBSECTION (1) SHALL NOT APPLY.

20 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
21 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
22 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.