

SENATE FILE NO. SF0070

Child abuse-reporting penalties.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Nutting and Representative(s)
Greene

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to children; imposing penalties for failing
2 to report child abuse; increasing the penalty for falsely
3 reporting child abuse; and providing for an effective date.

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5 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 14-3-205(a) and (d) is amended to
8 read:

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10 **14-3-205. Child abuse or neglect; persons required to**
11 **report.**

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13 (a) Any person who knows or has reasonable cause to
14 believe or suspect that a child has been abused or
15 neglected or who observes any child being subjected to
16 conditions or circumstances that would reasonably result in

1 abuse or neglect, shall immediately report it to the child
2 protective agency or local law enforcement agency or cause
3 a report to be made. Any person who knowingly fails to
4 make a report required by this subsection is guilty of a
5 misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than
6 one (1) year, a fine of not more than one thousand dollars
7 (\$1,000.00), or both.

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9 (d) Any person who knowingly and intentionally makes
10 a false report of child abuse or neglect, or who encourages
11 or coerces another person to make a false report of child
12 abuse or neglect, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by
13 imprisonment for not more than ~~six (6) months~~ one (1) year,
14 a fine of not more than ~~seven hundred fifty dollars~~
15 ~~(\$750.00)~~ one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or both.

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17 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2012.

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