

ORIGINAL SENATE
FILE NO. 0115

ENROLLED ACT NO. 63, SENATE

SIXTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2013 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to child and adult protective services; amending requirements for investigations; amending definitions; establishing a standard of proof; and providing for an effective date.

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

Section 1. W.S. 14-3-204(a)(iii)(intro), 14-3-206(a)(i) and 35-20-102(a)(xix) are amended to read:

14-3-204. Duties of local child protective agency.

(a) The local child protective agency shall:

(iii) Within twenty-four (24) hours after notification of a suspected case of child abuse or neglect, initiate an investigation or assessment ~~and verification of~~ to verify every report. The representative of the child protective agency shall, at the initial time of contact with the individual subject to a child abuse and neglect investigation or assessment, advise the individual of the specific complaints or allegations made against the individual. A thorough investigation or assessment and report of child abuse or neglect shall be made in the manner and time prescribed by the state agency pursuant to rules and regulations adopted in accordance with the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act. If the child protective agency is denied reasonable access to a child by a parent or other persons and the agency deems that the best interest of the child so requires, it shall seek an appropriate court order by ex parte proceedings or other appropriate proceedings to see the child. The child protective agency shall assign a report:

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14-3-206. Child abuse or neglect; written report; statewide reporting center; documentation; costs and admissibility thereof.

(a) Reports of child abuse or neglect or of suspected child abuse or neglect made to the local child protective agency or local law enforcement agency shall be:

(i) Conveyed immediately by the agency receiving the report to the appropriate local child protective agency or local law enforcement agency. The agencies shall continue cooperating and coordinating with each other during the assessment or investigation; and

35-20-102. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(xix) "Substantiated report" means any report of abandonment, abuse, exploitation, intimidation or neglect pursuant to this act that is determined upon investigation to establish that credible evidence of by a preponderance of the evidence the alleged abandonment, abuse, exploitation, intimidation or neglect; ~~exists;~~

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Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2013.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk