

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2012 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB 3

**House of Origin**     Introduced       Substitute       Engrossed  
**Second House**     In Committee     Substitute       Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Marshall, Robert G.

**3. Committee:** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title:** Child abuse or neglect; athletic coaches, etc. of private sports teams required to report to DSS

**5. Summary:** The enrolled bill amends existing language such that 18 year olds who receive training for the purposes of recognizing and reporting child neglect and abuse would be considered mandated reporters. Currently, the language only includes persons over the age of 18 years. The bill also adds athletic coaches, directors, and other persons, 18 years or older, who are employed by private sports organizations and teams, as well as administrators and employees, 18 years and older, of public or private day camps, youth centers and youth recreation programs to the list of persons required to report child abuse or neglect to the Department of Social Services.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Minimal Fiscal Impact (see item 8)**

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Adding the required individuals to the list of mandated reporters is not expected to have a fiscal impact on the Department of Social Services. The department already has online training available to any and all mandated reporters on how to recognize, identify and report suspected child abuse and neglect. In addition, the department does not anticipate that this population will significantly increase the number of child protective services (CPS) investigations and/or foster care places such that additional funding would be required. However, should the number of reports and subsequent investigations increase sufficiently additional state resources will be required to augment CPS staff.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Social Services

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None

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