

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed  
prior to this session of the General Assembly.  
**Act 912 of the Regular Session**

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3 Regular Session, 2005  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1311

5 By: Representatives Bright, Roebuck  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ADD DENTAL HYGIENISTS TO THE LIST OF  
10 PROFESSIONALS REQUIRED TO REPORT CHILD  
11 MALTREATMENT AND ADULT MALTREATMENT; AND FOR  
12 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-12-507(b), concerning reports of  
24 suspected abuse or neglect, is amended to read as follows:

25 (b) When any of the following has reasonable cause to suspect  
26 that a child has been subjected to child maltreatment or has died as a result  
27 of child maltreatment or observes a child being subjected to conditions or  
28 circumstances that would reasonably result in child maltreatment, he or she  
29 shall immediately notify the child abuse hotline:

30 (1) Any child care worker or foster care worker;

31 (2) A coroner;

32 (3) A day care center worker;

33 (4) A dentist;

34 (5) A dental hygienist;

35 ~~(5)~~(6) A domestic abuse advocate;



- 1           ~~(6)~~(7) A domestic violence shelter employee;
- 2           ~~(7)~~(8) A domestic violence shelter volunteer;
- 3           ~~(8)~~(9) An employee of the Department of Human Services;
- 4           ~~(9)~~(10) An employee working under contract for the Division of
- 5 Youth Services of the Department of Human Services;
- 6           ~~(10)~~(11) Any foster parent;
- 7           ~~(11)~~(12) A judge;
- 8           ~~(12)~~(13) A law enforcement official;
- 9           ~~(13)~~(14) A licensed nurse;
- 10          ~~(14)~~(15) Any medical personnel who may be engaged in the
- 11 admission, examination, care, or treatment of persons;
- 12          ~~(15)~~(16) A mental health professional;
- 13          ~~(16)~~(17) An osteopath;
- 14          ~~(17)~~(18) A peace officer;
- 15          ~~(18)~~(19) A physician;
- 16          ~~(19)~~(20) A prosecuting attorney;
- 17          ~~(20)~~(21) A resident intern;
- 18          ~~(21)~~(22) A school counselor;
- 19          ~~(22)~~(23) A school official;
- 20          ~~(23)~~(24) A social worker;
- 21          ~~(24)~~(25) A surgeon;
- 22          ~~(25)~~(26) A teacher;
- 23          ~~(26)~~(27) A court-appointed special advocate program staff member
- 24 or volunteer;
- 25          ~~(27)~~(28) A juvenile intake or probation officer; or
- 26          ~~(28)~~(29) Any clergyman, which includes a minister, priest,
- 27 rabbi, accredited Christian Science practitioner, or other similar
- 28 functionary of a religious organization, or an individual reasonably believed
- 29 to be so by the person consulting him or her, except to the extent he or she:
- 30                 (A) Has acquired knowledge of suspected maltreatment
- 31 through communications required to be kept confidential pursuant to the
- 32 religious discipline of the relevant denomination or faith; or
- 33                 (B) Received the knowledge of the suspected maltreatment
- 34 from the offender in the context of a statement of admission.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-28-203(a)(1), concerning the persons

1 required to report adult maltreatment, is amended to read as follows:

2 (a)(1) Whenever any of the following has observed or has reasonable  
3 cause to suspect that an endangered or impaired adult has been subjected to  
4 conditions or circumstances which would reasonably result in adult  
5 maltreatment, as defined in this chapter, he or she shall immediately report  
6 or cause a report to be made in accordance with the provisions of this  
7 section:

- 8 (A) A physician;
- 9 (B) A surgeon;
- 10 (C) A coroner;
- 11 (D) A dentist;
- 12 (E) A dental hygienist;
- 13 ~~(E)~~(F) An osteopath;
- 14 ~~(F)~~(G) A resident intern;
- 15 ~~(G)~~(H) A nurse;
- 16 ~~(H)~~(I) Hospital personnel who are engaged in the administration,  
17 examination, care, or treatment of persons;
- 18 ~~(I)~~(J) Any social worker;
- 19 ~~(J)~~(K) A case manager;
- 20 ~~(K)~~(L) A case worker;
- 21 ~~(L)~~(M) A mental health professional;
- 22 ~~(M)~~(N) A peace officer;
- 23 ~~(N)~~(O) A law enforcement officer;
- 24 ~~(O)~~(P) A facility administrator;
- 25 ~~(P)~~(Q) An employee in a facility;
- 26 ~~(Q)~~(R) An employee of the Department of Human Services;
- 27 ~~(R)~~(S) A firefighter;
- 28 ~~(S)~~(T) An emergency medical technician; or
- 29 ~~(T)~~(U) An employee of a bank or other financial institution.

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