

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.

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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;

36 ~~(6)~~(7) A domestic violence shelter employee;



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

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

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

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

7 (A) A physician;

8 (B) A surgeon;

9 (C) A coroner;

10 (D) A dentist;

11 (E) A dental hygienist;

12 ~~(E)(F)~~ An osteopath;

13 ~~(F)(G)~~ A resident intern;

14 ~~(G)(H)~~ A nurse;

15 ~~(H)(I)~~ Hospital personnel who are engaged in the administration,  
16 examination, care, or treatment of persons;

17 ~~(I)(J)~~ Any social worker;

18 ~~(J)(K)~~ A case manager;

19 ~~(K)(L)~~ A case worker;

20 ~~(L)(M)~~ A mental health professional;

21 ~~(M)(N)~~ A peace officer;

22 ~~(N)(O)~~ A law enforcement officer;

23 ~~(O)(P)~~ A facility administrator;

24 ~~(P)(Q)~~ An employee in a facility;

25 ~~(Q)(R)~~ An employee of the Department of Human Services;

26 ~~(R)(S)~~ A firefighter;

27 ~~(S)(T)~~ An emergency medical technician; or

28 ~~(T)(U)~~ An employee of a bank or other financial institution.  
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