



SENATE BILL No. 596

June 15, 1995, Introduced by Senators GOUGEON, GEAKE, DINGELL, HOFFMAN, SHUGARS, MCMANUS and BYRUM and referred to the Committee on Families, Mental Health and Human Services.

A bill to amend section 13 of Act No. 238 of the Public Acts of 1975, entitled as amended

"Child protection law,"

as amended by Act No. 393 of the Public Acts of 1994, being section 722.633 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 13 of Act No. 238 of the Public Acts of
2 1975, as amended by Act No. 393 of the Public Acts of 1994, being
3 section 722.633 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read
4 as follows:

5 Sec. 13. (1) A person who is required by this act to report
6 an instance of suspected child abuse or neglect and who fails to
7 do so is civilly liable for the damages proximately caused by the
8 failure.

1 (2) A person who is required by this act to report an
2 instance of suspected child abuse or neglect and who knowingly
3 fails to do so is guilty of a misdemeanor.

4 (3) Except as provided in section 7, a person who dissemi-
5 nates, or who permits or encourages the dissemination of, infor-
6 mation contained in the central registry and in reports and
7 records made pursuant to this act is guilty of a misdemeanor and
8 is civilly liable for the damages proximately caused by the
9 dissemination.

10 (4) A person who willfully maintains a report or record
11 required to be expunged under section 7 is guilty of a
12 misdemeanor.

13 (5) A person who knowingly and maliciously makes a false
14 report of child abuse or neglect under this act is guilty of a
15 ~~misdemeanor~~ FELONY PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN
16 4 YEARS OR A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$2,500.00, OR BOTH.

17 Section 2. This amendatory act shall not take effect unless
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19 of the 88th Legislature is enacted into law.