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(A) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW RELATING TO PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS, EVERY HEALTH PRACTITIONER, EDUCATOR, SOCIAL WORKER, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR AGENCY OFFICER WHO CONTACTS, EXAMINES, ATTENDS, OR TREATS A CHILD OR WHO BELIEVES, OR HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE CHILD IS A NEGLECTED CHILD IS REQUIRED: (1) TO NOTIFY THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; AND (2) IF ACTING IN HIS CAPACITY AS A MEMBER OF THE STAFF OF A HOSPITAL, PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY, CHILD-CARE INSTITUTION, JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER, SCHOOL OR SIMILAR INSTITUTION, IS ALSO REQUIRED IMMEDIATELY TO NOTIFY THE HEAD OF THE INSTITUTION, OR HIS DESIGNEE.

(B) AN ORAL OR WRITTEN REPORT SHALL BE MADE AS SOON AS IS REASONABLY POSSIBLE IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT, IN ANY CASE, A WRITTEN REPORT MUST BE MADE WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER THE OCCURRENCE OF THE CONTACT, EXAMINATION, TREATMENT OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH GIVE RISE TO THE BELIEF THAT THE CHILD IS A NEGLECTED CHILD.

~~(C) ANY PERSON OTHER THAN A HEALTH PRACTITIONER, EDUCATOR, SOCIAL WORKER, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WHO HAS REASON TO BELIEVE A CHILD IS A NEGLECTED CHILD MAY REPORT THE NEGLECT TO THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES. A REPORT MADE BY THE PERSON MAY BE EITHER WRITTEN OR ORAL, OR BOTH, AND THE REPORT SHALL CONTAIN, IF POSSIBLE, ALL THE INFORMATION ENUMERATED IN SECTION 7.~~

(C) A PERSON REQUIRED TO NOTIFY AND REPORT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION NEED NOT COMPLY WITH THE NOTIFICATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION IF:

(1) EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE OR WILL BE MADE TO ALLEVIATE THE CONDITIONS OR CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH MAY CAUSE THE CHILD TO BE CONSIDERED A NEGLECTED CHILD AND IT IS CONCLUDED BY THE HEALTH PRACTITIONER, EDUCATOR, SOCIAL WORKER, OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OR OFFICER THAT THESE EFFORTS WILL ALLEVIATE THESE CONDITIONS OR CIRCUMSTANCES; OR

(2) THE HEALTH PRACTITIONER, EDUCATOR, SOCIAL WORKER, OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OR OFFICER BELIEVES THAT THE NOTIFICATION AND REPORTING WOULD INHIBIT THE CHILD, PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR CUSTODIAN FROM SEEKING ASSISTANCE IN THE FUTURE AND THEREBY BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE CHILD'S WELFARE.

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AN ORAL OR WRITTEN REPORT SHALL CONTAIN AS MUCH OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS THE PERSON MAKING THE REPORT IS ABLE TO FURNISH AND MAY CONTAIN ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH WOULD ASSIST THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT IN DETERMINING THE CAUSE AND EXTENT OF NEGLECT, IF ANY, AND THE IDENTITY OF THE PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE THEREFOR.: