

(1) MANDATING THAT EACH HEALTH PRACTITIONER, EDUCATOR OR SOCIAL WORKER, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, AND POLICE OFFICER REPORT ANY SUSPECTED NEGLECT;

(2) GIVING IMMUNITY TO ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO IS REQUIRED TO REPORT, IN GOOD FAITH, SUSPECTED INCIDENTS OF NEGLECT;

(3) REQUIRING A TIMELY INVESTIGATION OF EACH REPORTED SUSPECTED INCIDENT OF NEGLECT; AND

(4) REQUIRING EACH LOCAL DEPARTMENT TO GIVE THE APPROPRIATE SERVICE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE NEGLECTED CHILD.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Article 72A, § 5(a).

In item (1) of this section, the defined term "police officer" is substituted for the former term "law enforcement officers".

In item (2) of this section, the phrase "is required to report" is substituted for the former term "report", for clarity.

In items (2) and (3) of this section, the term "suspected" is new language added for clarity.

Defined terms: "Educator or social worker" § 5-701
 "Health practitioner" § 5-701
 "Law enforcement agency" § 5-701
 "Local department" § 5-701
 "Neglected child" § 5-701 "Police officer" § 5-701

5-703. SCOPE OF SUBTITLE.

(A) IN GENERAL.

THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE ARE IN ADDITION TO AND NOT IN SUBSTITUTION FOR THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 3, SUBTITLE 8 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE.

(B) REPORTING OF CHILD NEGLECT.

THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE THAT RELATE TO THE REPORTING OF CHILD NEGLECT ARE IN ADDITION TO AND NOT IN SUBSTITUTION FOR THE PROVISIONS OF SUBTITLE 9 OF THIS TITLE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsection (a) of this section formerly appeared as Article 72A, § 5(c).

Subsection (b) of this section formerly appeared as Article 72A, § 5(b).