

(1) Shall refer to the Secretary for investigation reported instances of abuse involving any persistent course of conduct intended to produce or resulting in mental or emotional distress; and

(2) May refer to the Secretary for investigation reported instances of patient-to-patient abuse.

[(e)] (F) Within 10 working days after the completion of an investigation under subsection (d) of this section, the Secretary shall submit a written report of its findings to:

(1) The State's Attorney;

(2) The local ombudsman as designated by the State Director on Aging; and

(3) Unless the administrator is the alleged abuser, the administrator of the related institution.

[(f)] (G) (1) A person who acts in good faith is not civilly liable for:

(i) Making a report under this section;

(ii) Participating in an investigation arising out of a report under this section;

(iii) Participating in a judicial proceeding arising out of a report under this section; or

(iv) Participating in transferring, suspending, or terminating the employment of any individual who is believed to have abused or aided in abusing a resident under this section.

(2) This subsection does not grant any immunity for an abuser who makes a report or participates in the investigation or proceeding.

[(g)] (H) (1) The Department shall provide each related institution with signs that set forth the reporting requirements under this section.

(2) The related institution shall post the signs conspicuously in the employee and public areas of the related institution.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

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