

give--all-information-required-by-this-section-to-the-head-of-the institution-or-the-designee-of-the-head.

(2)--THIS-SECTION-MAY-NOT-BE--CONSTRUED--IN--A--MANNER THAT---IMPAIRS---OR---OTHERWISE---ABROGATES---ANY---ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE.

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(a) [Notwithstanding] (1) EXCEPT FOR--THE--ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, NOTWITHSTANDING any other provision of law, including [any] A law on privileged communications, a person other than a health practitioner, police officer, or educator or human service worker who has reason to believe that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect shall:

[(1)] (i) if the person has reason to believe the child has been subjected to abuse, notify the local department or the appropriate law enforcement agency; or

(ii) if the person has reason to believe the child has been subjected to neglect, notify the local department.

(2)--THIS-SECTION-MAY-NOT-BE--CONSTRUED--IN--A--MANNER THAT---IMPAIRS---OR---OTHERWISE---ABROGATES---ANY---ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE.

(b)-(1)--An-agency-to-which-a-report-of-suspected--abuse--is made--under--subsection--(a)--of--this--section--shall--immediately notify-the-other-agency.

(2)--This--subsection--does--not--prohibit---a---local department---and--an--appropriate--law--enforcement--agency--from agreeing-to-cooperative-arrangements.

(c)--A-report-made-under-subsection-(a)-of-this-section--may be-oral-or-in-writing.

(d)-(1)--To---the--extent--possible,--a--report--made--under subsection-(a)-of-this--section--shall--include--the--information required-by-§-5-704(c)-of-this-subtitle.

(2)--A--report--made--under--subsection--(a)--of--this section--shall--be--regarded-as-a-report-within-the-provisions-of this-subtitle,--whether-or-not-the--report--contains--all--of--the information-required-by-§-5-704(c)-of-this-subtitle.

(2) A PERSON IS NOT REQUIRED TO PROVIDE NOTICE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION:

(1) IN VIOLATION OF THE PRIVILEGE DESCRIBED UNDER § 9-108 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE;