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LLS NO. 10-0290.01 Richard Sweetman

SENATE BILL 10-066

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HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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Senate Committees
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House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE REQUIREMENT THAT CERTAIN PERSONS REPORT**
102 **CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The bill clarifies that the requirement that certain persons report child abuse or neglect does not apply if a person does not have reasonable cause to know of or suspect the abuse or neglect until the child is 18 years of age or older.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** 19-3-304 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is
3 amended to read:

4 **19-3-304. Persons required to report child abuse or neglect.**

5 (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided by section 19-3-307, ~~and~~ sections
6 25-1-122 (4) (d) and 25-4-1404 (1) (d), C.R.S., AND PARAGRAPH (b) OF
7 THIS SUBSECTION (1), any person specified in subsection (2) of this
8 section who has reasonable cause to know or suspect that a child has been
9 subjected to abuse or neglect or who has observed the child being
10 subjected to circumstances or conditions ~~which~~ THAT would reasonably
11 result in abuse or neglect shall immediately upon receiving such
12 information report or cause a report to be made of such fact to the county
13 department or local law enforcement agency.

14 (b) THE REPORTING REQUIREMENT DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (a)
15 OF THIS SUBSECTION (1) SHALL NOT APPLY IF THE PERSON WHO IS
16 OTHERWISE REQUIRED TO REPORT DOES NOT:

17 (I) LEARN OF THE SUSPECTED ABUSE OR NEGLECT UNTIL AFTER THE
18 ALLEGED VICTIM OF THE SUSPECTED ABUSE OR NEGLECT IS EIGHTEEN
19 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER; AND

20 (II) HAVE REASONABLE CAUSE TO KNOW OR SUSPECT THAT THE
21 PERPETRATOR OF THE SUSPECTED ABUSE OR NEGLECT HAS SUBJECTED ANY
22 OTHER CHILD CURRENTLY UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE TO ABUSE OR
23 NEGLECT OR TO CIRCUMSTANCES OR CONDITIONS THAT WOULD LIKELY
24 RESULT IN ABUSE OR NEGLECT.

25 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,

- 1 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
- 2 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.