

AN ACT

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend, on a temporary basis, the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Act of 1977 by not requiring reasonable efforts to preserve or unify the family when a parent has committed certain crimes against a child, has committed sexual abuse against a child or a sibling, or is required to register with a sex offender registry; and to amend An Act To provide for the mandatory reporting by physicians and institutions in the District of Columbia of certain physical abuse of children to require health professionals to report when a child under 12 months of age is diagnosed as having a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Temporary Amendment Act of 2011”.

Sec. 2. Section 109a(d)(1) of the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Act of 1977, effective June 17, 2000 (D.C. Law 13-136; D.C. Official Code § 4-1301.09a(d)(1)), is amended as follows:

Note,
§ 4-1301.09a

(a) Subparagraph (A) is amended by striking the phrase “sibling or another child” and inserting the phrase “child who is the subject of a petition before the Family Division of the Superior Court, a sibling of such child, or another child” in its place.

(b) Subparagraph (C) is amended as follows:

(1) Strike the phrase “sibling or another child” and insert the phrase “child who is the subject of a petition before the Family Division of the Superior Court, a sibling of such child, or another child” in its place.

(2) Strike the word “or” at the end.

(c) A new subparagraph (E) is added to read as follows:

“(E) Is required to register with a sex offender registry under section 113(a) of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Registry, approved July 27, 2006 (120 Stat. 593; 42 U.S.C. § 16913(a)); or ”.

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Sec. 3. Section 2 of An Act To provide for the mandatory reporting by physicians and institutions in the District of Columbia of certain physical abuse of children, approved November 6, 1966 (80 Stat. 1354; D.C. Official Code § 4-1321.02), is amended by adding a new subsection (f) to read as follows:

Note,
§ 4-1321.02

“(f) A health professional licensed pursuant to the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.01 *et seq.*), who in his or her own professional or official capacity knows that a child under 12 months of age is diagnosed as having a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder shall immediately report or have a report made to the Child and Family Services Agency.”.

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Chief Financial Officer as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 5. Effective date.

(a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

(b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.

Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor
District of Columbia

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