

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation amends Section 16-1607 related to reporting abuse, neglect or the abandonment of children under the Child Protective Act. Currently a person who reports allegations to CPS that they know to be false or reports allegations in bad faith or with malice is subject to civil liability to the parties against whom the report was made. This legislation retains the civil liability and adds a misdemeanor criminal penalty for these types of reports.

FISCAL NOTE

This is a change in policy only and results in no fiscal impact to the general fund or to local governments.

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