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TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator Kim Ward 

SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship of Legislation – **Mandated Reporter of Child Abuse at Institutions of Higher Education #31 and Increased Penalties for Failure to Report Child Abuse #32**

I plan to introduce the following two pieces of legislation:

Mandated Reporter of Child Abuse at Institutions of Higher Education #31

Require all employees of institutions of higher education be mandated reporters, who must report to their “person in charge of the institution” and to DPW (Childline).

Increased Penalties for Failure to Report Child Abuse #32

Increase the penalty for failure to report or to refer, to a misdemeanor of the 1st degree for the first violation and a felony of the 3rd degree for second and subsequent violations.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Vicki Wilken, Esq. in my office at 717-787-6063 or by email at vwilken@pasen.gov.