

SUBJECT: Child Protection Legislation  
FROM: Representative Mauree Gingrich

I am preparing to introduce legislation that would amend the Public Welfare Code to provide for a requirement that the operators and employees of regulated child care facilities receive child abuse recognition and reporting training.

In the prior session, Act 126 of 2012 was enacted to require that school employees receive at least three hours of child abuse recognition and reporting training every five years. My bill would require DPW to adopt regulations that provide for a similar training requirement for those who care for our youngest and most vulnerable children in child care facilities. Along with another piece of legislation I am preparing (related to training for professional licensees), this measure would implement training requirements for the vast majority of mandated reporters of child abuse.