

SUBJECT: Child Protection Legislation  
FROM: Representative Mauree Gingrich

I am preparing to introduce legislation that would amend the Child Protective Services Law (Title 23, Chapter 63) to provide for a requirement that professional licensees who are mandated reporters receive child abuse recognition and reporting training as a condition of licensing or certification and on a continuing basis.

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. The Task Force on Child Protection has also recommended that professional licensees who are mandated reporters of child abuse (doctors, nurses, other medical professionals, social workers, funeral directors, psychologists, etc.) be required to undergo this type of training. My legislation is based on Rep. Reichley's HB 2026 from the prior session, with updates to bring the requirements in line with those for school employees, and to reflect the Task Force's recommendation that training be received before a license is issued and on a continuing basis.