

HOUSE BILL 1146

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CF SB 525

By: **Delegates Dumais and Campos**

Introduced and read first time: February 20, 2015

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Child Abuse and Neglect – Failure to Report**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring an agency that is participating in a child abuse or neglect
4 investigation and that has reasonable grounds to believe that a person has failed to
5 report child abuse as required under a certain provision of law to file a certain
6 complaint with a certain board, agency, institution, or facility; and generally relating
7 to child abuse and neglect.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Family Law

10 Section 5–705.3

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Family Law**

16 **5–705.3.**

17 **IF AN AGENCY PARTICIPATING IN AN INVESTIGATION UNDER § 5–706 OF THIS**
18 **SUBTITLE HAS REASONABLE GROUNDS TO BELIEVE THAT A PERSON HAS FAILED TO**
19 **REPORT SUSPECTED ABUSE OR NEGLECT AS REQUIRED BY § 5–704 OF THIS**
20 **SUBTITLE, THE AGENCY SHALL:**

21 **(1) IF THE PERSON IS A HEALTH PRACTITIONER, FILE A COMPLAINT**
22 **WITH THE APPROPRIATE LICENSING BOARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS**
23 **OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE;**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) IF THE PERSON IS A POLICE OFFICER, FILE A COMPLAINT WITH**
2 **THE APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY; OR**

3 **(3) IF THE PERSON IS AN EDUCATOR OR A HUMAN SERVICE WORKER,**
4 **FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION OR THE APPROPRIATE**
5 **AGENCY, INSTITUTION, OR LICENSED FACILITY AT WHICH THE PERSON IS**
6 **EMPLOYED.**

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2015.