

House Bill 241

By: Representatives Houston of the 139th, Sinkfield of the 50th, Greene of the 134th, Oliver of the 56th, Post 2, Lucas of the 105th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 19-7-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 reporting child abuse, so as to require a parent or guardian of a child to report sexual abuse
3 or sexual exploitation of the child by another member of the child's household; to repeal
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 19-7-5 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to reporting child
8 abuse, is amended by striking subsection (c) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

9 "(c)(1) The following persons having reasonable cause to believe that a child has been
10 abused shall report or cause reports of that abuse to be made as provided in this Code
11 section:

12 (A) Physicians licensed to practice medicine, interns, or residents;

13 (B) Hospital or medical personnel;

14 (C) Dentists;

15 (D) Licensed psychologists and persons participating in internships to obtain licensing
16 pursuant to Chapter 39 of Title 43;

17 (E) Podiatrists;

18 (F) Registered professional nurses or licensed practical nurses licensed pursuant to
19 Chapter 24 of Title 43;

20 (G) Professional counselors, social workers, or marriage and family therapists licensed
21 pursuant to Chapter 10A of Title 43;

22 (H) School teachers;

23 (I) School administrators;

24 (J) School guidance counselors, visiting teachers, school social workers, or school
25 psychologists certified pursuant to Chapter 2 of Title 20;

- 1 (K) Child welfare agency personnel, as that agency is defined pursuant to Code Section
2 49-5-12;
- 3 (L) Child-counseling personnel;
- 4 (M) Child service organization personnel; ~~or~~
- 5 (N) Law enforcement personnel; or
- 6 (O) A parent or guardian of a child who has reasonable cause to believe that another
7 member of the child's household has engaged in sexual abuse or sexual exploitation of
8 the child."

9 **SECTION 2.**

10 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.