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Senator Bethel of the 54th offered the following amendment:

1 *Amend HB 1176 (LC 29 5281S) by replacing "(c), and (g)" with "(c), (e), and (g)" on line*
 2 *1161.*

3 *By replacing lines 1248 through 1259 with the following:*

4 (2) If a person is required to report child abuse pursuant to this subsection because that
 5 person attends to a child pursuant to such person's duties as ~~a member of the staff of an~~
 6 employee of or volunteer at a hospital, school, social agency, or similar facility, that
 7 person shall notify the person in charge of the facility, or the designated delegate thereof,
 8 and the person so notified shall report or cause a report to be made in accordance with
 9 this Code section. ~~A staff member~~ An employee or volunteer who makes a report to the
 10 person designated pursuant to this paragraph shall be deemed to have fully complied with
 11 this subsection. Under no circumstances shall any person in charge of such hospital,
 12 school, agency, or facility, or the designated delegate thereof, to whom such notification
 13 has been made exercise any control, restraint, modification, or make other change to the
 14 information provided by the reporter, although each of the aforementioned persons may
 15 be consulted prior to the making of a report and may provide any additional, relevant, and
 16 necessary information when making the report."

17 "(e) An oral report shall be made immediately, but in no case later than 24 hours from the
 18 time there is reasonable cause to believe a child has been abused, by telephone or otherwise
 19 and followed by a report in writing, if requested, to a child welfare agency providing
 20 protective services, as designated by the Department of Human Services, or, in the absence
 21 of such agency, to an appropriate police authority or district attorney. If a report of child
 22 abuse is made to the child welfare agency or independently discovered by the agency, and
 23 the agency has reasonable cause to believe such report is true or the report contains any
 24 allegation or evidence of child abuse, then the agency shall immediately notify the
 25 appropriate police authority or district attorney. Such reports shall contain the names and
 26 addresses of the child and the child's parents or caretakers, if known, the child's age, the
 27 nature and extent of the child's injuries, including any evidence of previous injuries, and
 28 any other information that the reporting person believes might be helpful in establishing
 29 the cause of the injuries and the identity of the perpetrator. Photographs of the child's
 30 injuries to be used as documentation in support of allegations by hospital ~~staff~~ employees
 31 or volunteers, physicians, law enforcement personnel, school officials, or ~~staff~~ employees
 32 or volunteers of legally mandated public or private child protective agencies may be taken

33 without the permission of the child's parent or guardian. Such ~~photograph~~ photographs
34 shall be made available as soon as possible to the chief welfare agency providing protective
35 services and to the appropriate police authority."