

Application of Child Abuse Reporting Laws to Ministers and Lay Church Workers

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| Statute | What is reportable “abuse” | Mandatory reporters | Where to report | Clergy privilege |
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| Stats. §§ 28-710 et seq. (2005) | Physical, sexual, or mental abuse | Any person having reasonable cause to believe that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect | Department of Health and Human Services or a law enforcement agency | “The privileged communication between patient and physician, between client and professional counselor, and between husband and wife shall not be a ground for excluding evidence in any judicial proceeding resulting from a [child abuse report].” [28- 714] |