
Chap. 213

Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the word "five" and inserting in place thereof the following word:- fifteen.

Approved July 31, 1996.

Chapter 214. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL OBSERVANCE OF HEAD INJURY AWARENESS MONTH.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 15UUU, inserted by chapter 144 of the acts of 1995, the following section:-

Section 15VVV. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart the month of October as Head Injury Awareness Month and recommending that said month be observed in an appropriate manner by the people.

Approved August 1, 1996.

Chapter 215. AN ACT REGULATING THE NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN CHILD ABUSE CASES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 51B of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1994 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out clause (4) and inserting in place thereof the following clause:-

(4) notify in writing the district attorney for the county in which the child resides and for the county in which the offense occurred by transmitting to such district attorney a copy of the report required under section fifty-one A and this section if, after an investigation and evaluation undertaken pursuant to clause (1), the department has reasonable cause to believe that any of the following conditions has resulted from abuse or neglect; provided, however, that the department may immediately report cases of serious physical injury to the appropriate office of the district attorney:

- (a) a child has died;
- (b) a child has been sexually assaulted, as set forth in sections thirteen B, thirteen H, twenty-two, twenty-two A, twenty-three, twenty-four, and twenty-four B of chapter two hundred and sixty-five or section thirty-five A of chapter two hundred and seventy-two;
- (c) a child has suffered brain damage, loss or substantial impairment of a bodily function or organ, or substantial disfigurement;
- (d) a child has been sexually exploited, which shall mean encouraging a child to engage in prostitution as defined in sections four A and four B of chapter two hundred and