Public Act No. 11-194
AN ACT CONCERNING CROSS-REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE and ANIMAL CRUELTY
An Overview for DCF Social Workers and Animal Control Officers
Overview

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Public Act 11-194

- Requires animal control officers, filing a verified petition of neglect or cruel treatment, to make a written report* to the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture no later than 48 hours after filing the petition;

- Requires The Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture to send a report* to the Commissioner of Children and Families (DCF) each month;

- Requires that, within a week of receiving the report, the DCF Commissioner shall determine if any address in the report is an address where DCF has opened an investigation of abuse or neglect, and if so: 1. provide the DCF investigator with all relevant information; and, 2. include that information in the Department’s record of the child on whose behalf the investigation is occurring.

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Requires DCF staff member who has reasonable cause to suspect that an animal is being or has been harmed, neglected or treated cruelly, to make an oral report* to the Commissioner of Agriculture, within 48 hours.

Within available appropriations, DCF, in consultation with DoAg, shall provide training to DCF staff members on the identification of, harm to, neglect of, and cruelty toward, animals and the relationship to child welfare case practice.

Within available appropriations, DCF shall provide training to all animal control officers on the accurate and prompt identification and reporting of child abuse and neglect.

*see statute for required report content

Child Abuse

**ABUSE** is:

a non-accidental injury to a child which, regardless of motive, is inflicted or allowed to be inflicted by the person responsible for the child's care

**ABUSE** includes:

- any injury which is at variance with the history given
- maltreatment such as, but not limited to, malnutrition, sexual molestation, deprivation of necessities, emotional maltreatment or cruel punishment.

**TYPES OF ABUSE**

- Physical Abuse
- Sexual Abuse and Exploitation
- Emotional Abuse or Maltreatment

Neglect

- Neglect is the failure, whether intentional or not, of the person responsible for the child's care to provide and maintain adequate food, clothing, medical care, supervision, and/or education.

- TYPES OF NEGLECT
  - Physical Neglect
  - Medical Neglect
  - Educational Neglect
  - Emotional and Moral Neglect

Animal Cruelty

- **Types of Animal Cruelty**
  - Simple Neglect
  - Abandonment
  - Gross, Willful, Cruel or Malicious Neglect
  - Intentional Abuse, Torture
  - Animal Hoarding
  - Organized Abuse
  - Ritualistic Abuse
  - Animal Sexual Assault (Bestiality)

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