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Introduced by M. of A. PAULIN, MORELLE, SCARBOROUGH, AUBRY, GUNTHER, MAGNARELLI, ZEBROWSKI, ABINANTI, GALEF, CAMARA, ENGLEBRIGHT, P. RIVERA, THIELE, COLTON, LANCMAN, M. MILLER, ROBERTS, STEVENSON, JAFFEE, CASTRO, MOYA, HOOPER -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. ARROYO, GOTTFRIED, LATIMER, MCENENY, PERRY, SCHIMEL, SIMOTAS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Children and Families -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to expanding the persons responsible for reporting cases of suspected child abuse

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 413 of the social
2 services law, as amended by chapter 91 of the laws of 2011, is amended
3 to read as follows:
4 (a) The following persons and officials are required to report or
5 cause a report to be made in accordance with this title when they have
6 reasonable cause to suspect that a child coming before them in their
7 professional or official capacity is an abused or maltreated child, or
8 when they have reasonable cause to suspect that a child is an abused or
9 maltreated child where the parent, guardian, custodian or other person
10 legally responsible for such child comes before them in their profes-
11 sional or official capacity and states from personal knowledge facts,
12 conditions or circumstances which, if correct, would render the child an
13 abused or maltreated child: any physician; registered physician assist-
14 ant; surgeon; medical examiner; coroner; dentist; dental hygienist;
15 osteopath; optometrist; chiropractor; podiatrist; resident; intern;
16 psychologist; registered nurse; social worker; emergency medical techni-
17 cian; licensed creative arts therapist; licensed marriage and family
18 therapist; licensed mental health counselor; licensed psychoanalyst;
19 hospital personnel engaged in the admission, examination, care or treat-
20 ment of persons; a Christian Science practitioner; school official,
21 which includes but is not limited to school teacher, school guidance

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [] is old law to be omitted.

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1 counselor, school psychologist, school social worker, school nurse,
2 school administrator or other school personnel required to hold a teach-
3 ing or administrative license or certificate; SCHOOL ATHLETIC DIRECTOR;
4 SCHOOL PERSONNEL OR OTHER PERSON REQUIRED TO HOLD A TEMPORARY COACHING
5 LICENSE OR PROFESSIONAL COACHING CERTIFICATE; social services worker;
6 director of a children's overnight camp, summer day camp or traveling
7 summer day camp, as such camps are defined in section thirteen hundred
8 ninety-two of the public health law; day care center worker; school-age
9 child care worker; provider of family or group family day care; employee
10 or volunteer in a residential care facility defined in subdivision four
11 of section four hundred twelve-a of this title or any other child care
12 or foster care worker; mental health professional; substance abuse coun-
13 selor; alcoholism counselor; all persons credentialed by the office of
14 alcoholism and substance abuse services; peace officer; police officer;
15 district attorney or assistant district attorney; investigator employed
16 in the office of a district attorney; or other law enforcement official.
17 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.