

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 371

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHANEY

CHILDREN/ABUSE: Provides relative to reporting of child abuse and neglect

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Children's Code Article 610(A), relative to reports of child abuse and
3 neglect; to provide for reporting procedure for permitted and mandatory reporters;
4 and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. Children's Code Article 610(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read
7 as follows:

8 Art. 610. Reporting procedure; report to the legislature

9 A.(1) Reports of child abuse or neglect or that such was a contributing factor
10 in a child's death, where the abuser is believed to be a parent or caretaker, a person
11 who maintains an interpersonal dating or engagement relationship with the parent or
12 caretaker, or a person living in the same residence with the parent or caretaker as a
13 spouse whether married or not, shall be made immediately to the department.A
14 permitted reporter shall make a report through the designated state child protection
15 reporting hotline telephone number, in person at any child welfare office, or
16 immediately by phone to any state child welfare office. A mandatory reporter shall
17 make a report through the designated state child protection reporting hotline
18 telephone number, via the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services
19 Mandated Reporter Portal, in person at any state child welfare office, or
20 immediately by phone to any state child welfare office. Reports in which the abuse

