

SENATE BILL NO. 433

BY SENATOR MIZELL AND REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, ROBBY CARTER,
ECHOLS, FRIEMAN, HODGES, MIKE JOHNSON, GREGORY
MILLER AND PRESSLY

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Children's Code Article 609(A)(1), relative to child abuse reporting
3 and investigation; to provide that a mandatory reporter of child abuse has cause to
4 suspect abuse if a child under the age of thirteen is pregnant; and to provide for
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. Children's Code Article 609(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to
8 read as follows:

9 Art. 609. Mandatory and permitted reporting; training requirements

10 A. With respect to mandatory reporters:

11 (1)~~(a)~~ Notwithstanding any claim of privileged communication, any
12 mandatory reporter who has cause to believe that a child's physical or mental health
13 or welfare is endangered as a result of abuse or neglect or that abuse or neglect was
14 a contributing factor in a child's death shall report in accordance with Article 610.

15 **(b) For purposes of this Article, the pregnancy of a child under the age**
16 **of thirteen years shall constitute cause to consider whether the child has been**
17 **abused.**

18 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
19 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
20 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
2 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____