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SUMMARY

- Requires public schools, community schools, and STEM schools to post a sign with a telephone number where child abuse or neglect can be reported.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Posting of child services number

The bill requires the board of education of each school district, community school, and STEM school to post, in each school building under the board's control, a sign that contains a toll-free telephone number that receives reports of child abuse or neglect. The sign must be clearly visible in a public, readily accessible area. The State Board of Education may adopt rules regarding the size and location of the sign.¹

Child abuse and neglect can be reported to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services at 855-O-H-CHILD (855-642-4453), as well as to local public children services agencies or peace officers.² Under continuing law, school teachers, employees, authorities, and psychologists, among others, are required to report suspected child abuse or neglect.³

¹ R.C. 3313.802, 3314.03, and 3326.11.

² <https://jfs.ohio.gov/ocf/reportchildabuseandneglect.stm>.

³ R.C. 2151.421, not in the bill.

HISTORY

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