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South Australia

Children's Protection (Reporting of Suspected Criminal Offence) Amendment Bill 2010

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the Children's Protection Act 1993.

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The Parliament of South Australia enacts as follows:

Part 1—Preliminary

1—Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Children's Protection (Reporting of Suspected Criminal Offence) Amendment Act 2010.*

5 **2—Commencement**

This Act will come into operation 4 months after the day on which it is assented to by the Governor.

3—Amendment provisions

In this Act, a provision under a heading referring to the amendment of a specified Act amends the Act so specified.

Part 2—Amendment of Children's Protection Act 1993

4—Insertion of Part 4 Division 5A

Part 4—after Division 5 insert:

Division 5A—Suspected criminal offence

26AA—Reporting of suspected criminal offence

- (1) If the Chief Executive is of the opinion that there is some information or evidence leading to a reasonable suspicion that a criminal offence has been committed against a child, the Chief Executive must, as soon as reasonably practicable, report the matter to the Commissioner of Police in the manner prescribed by regulation.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to criminal offences of a kind prescribed by regulation.

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