

## CHAPTER 177

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**CHILDREN AND DOMESTIC MATTERS**

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## SENATE BILL 02-187

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**AN ACT****CONCERNING THE REQUIREMENT THAT SCHOOL EMPLOYEES REPORT ALLEGATIONS OF SEX CRIMES TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.**

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** 19-1-103 (1) (a) (II), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**19-1-103. Definitions.** As used in this title or in the specified portion of this title, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) (a) "Abuse" or "child abuse or neglect", as used in part 3 of article 3 of this title, means an act or omission in one of the following categories that threatens the health or welfare of a child:

(II) Any case in which a child is subjected to ~~sexual assault or molestation, sexual exploitation, or prostitution~~ UNLAWFUL SEXUAL BEHAVIOR AS DEFINED IN SECTION 18-3-412.5 (1) (b), C.R.S.;

**SECTION 2.** 19-3-304 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**19-3-304. Persons required to report child abuse or neglect.** (1) Except as otherwise provided by section 19-3-307 and sections 25-1-122 (4) (d) and 25-4-1404 (1) (d), C.R.S., any person specified in subsection (2) of this section who has reasonable cause to know or suspect that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect or who has observed the child being subjected to circumstances or conditions which would reasonably result in abuse or neglect shall immediately UPON RECEIVING

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

SUCH INFORMATION report or cause a report to be made of such fact to the county department or local law enforcement agency.

**SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: May 24, 2002