

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2020 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 4585**

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(BY REQUEST OF THE WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES)

[Introduced January 29, 2020; Referred to the  
Committee on the Judiciary.]



1 A BILL to amend and reenact §49-2-810 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
2 to immunity from criminal and civil liability and amending the provision of immunity to  
3 explicitly grant immunity from civil or criminal liability for individuals providing information  
4 or assistance to a good faith report of child abuse or neglect.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 2. STATE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CHILDREN.**

**§49-2-810. Immunity from liability.**

1 Any person, official, or institution participating in good faith in any act permitted or required  
2 by this article ~~are~~ is immune from any civil or criminal liability that otherwise might result by reason  
3 of those actions, including individuals making good faith reports of suspected or known instances  
4 of child abuse or neglect, or who otherwise provide information or assistance, including medical  
5 evaluations or consultations, in connection with a report, investigation or legal intervention  
6 pursuant to a good faith report of child abuse or neglect.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to explicitly provide immunity from civil or criminal liability for individuals providing information or assistance, including medical evaluations or consultations in connection with a report, investigation, or legal intervention pursuant to a good faith report of child abuse or neglect.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.