

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

**2020 REGULAR SESSION**

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## **House Bill 4585**

BY DELEGATES HILL AND PACK

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

[Passed March 7, 2020; in effect ninety days from  
passage.]



1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §49-2-810 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,  
2 relating to immunity from criminal and civil liability and amending the provision of immunity  
3 to 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 is immune from any civil or criminal liability that otherwise might result by reason of  
3 those actions, including individuals making good faith reports of suspected or known instances of  
4 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.



The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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*Chairman, House Committee*

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*Chairman, Senate Committee*

Originating in the House.

In effect ninety days from passage.

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*Clerk of the House of Delegates*

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*Clerk of the Senate*

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*Speaker of the House of Delegates*

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*President of the Senate*

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day of ....., 2020.

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*Governor*