



## 2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 646

November 10, 2003 – Introduced by Representatives MUSSER, F. LASEE, TOWNSEND, GRONEMUS, PETTIS, GUNDRUM, HAHN, KRAWCZYK, OLSEN, GUNDERSON, ALBERS and GROTHMAN, cosponsored by Senators REYNOLDS and SCHULTZ. Referred to Committee on Children and Families.

1     **AN ACT to create** 946.71 of the statutes; **relating to:** giving false information to  
2             mandatory reporters of suspected child abuse or neglect and providing a  
3             penalty.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, physicians, social workers, teachers, and other specified persons must report cases of suspected child abuse or neglect regarding a child seen in the course of professional duties. This bill prohibits a person from knowingly making a false statement alleging that a child has been abused or neglected to a person who is required to report child abuse or neglect. A person who violates this prohibition may be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than 90 days or both.

Because this bill creates a new crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime, the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties may be requested to prepare a report concerning the proposed penalty and the costs or savings that are likely to result if the bill is enacted.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

