**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 63‑7‑310, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO MANDATED REPORTING OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT, SO AS TO REQUIRE REPORTING WHEN AN INFANT OR FETUS IS EXPOSED TO ALCOHOL OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 63‑7‑310 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 227 of 2010, is further amended by adding an appropriately lettered subsection to read:

“( ) Every physician, nurse, or any other medical or allied health professional shall report in accordance with this section:

(1) a child who has been diagnosed with neonatal abstinence syndrome or a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder;

(2) a child under the age of one year who is affected by the presence of a nonprescription controlled substance, illegal controlled substance, or alcohol or by withdrawal from a controlled substance or alcohol; or

(3) a woman who is pregnant and who has been diagnosed with a controlled substance or alcohol use disorder where the woman is not cooperating with an established treatment plan.

A report pursuant to this subsection must be made regardless of whether or not the alcohol or controlled substance exposure constitutes child abuse or neglect as defined in Section 63‑7‑20.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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