



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5139.12 Reporting abuse of delinquent child.

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Any person who is required, pursuant to division (A) of section 2151.421 of the Revised Code, to report the person's knowledge of or reasonable cause to suspect abuse or neglect or threat of abuse or neglect of a child under eighteen years of age or a person with a developmental disability or physical impairment under twenty-one years of age, or any person who is permitted, pursuant to division (B) of that section, to report or cause such a report to be made and who makes or causes the report to be made, shall direct that report to the state highway patrol if the child is a delinquent child in the custody of an institution. If the state highway patrol determines after receipt of the report that there is probable cause that abuse or neglect or threat of abuse or neglect of the delinquent child occurred, the highway patrol shall report its findings to the department of youth services, to the court that ordered the disposition of the delinquent child for the act that would have been an offense if committed by an adult and for which the delinquent child is in the custody of the department, to the public children services agency in the county in which the child resides or in which the abuse or neglect or threat of abuse or neglect occurred, and to the attorney general.
