

# EXECUTIVE ORDER

## BJ 11-23

### Supplemental Mandatory Reporting Requirements of Child Abuse and Neglect

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**WHEREAS**, we must always be vigilant in protecting our children and creating a safe environment for them;

**WHEREAS**, certain persons currently are required to report incidents of child abuse or neglect, including health practitioners, social workers, law enforcement officers, film and photographic print processors, child care providers and certain teachers and school staff members who provide training and supervision of children;

**WHEREAS**, current mandatory reporting laws do not require college or university professors, administrators, coaches or school staff members to report cases of child abuse or neglect when they have cause to believe that a child's physical or mental health or welfare is endangered as a result of the abuse or neglect;

**WHEREAS**, More than 11,000 high school students in Louisiana are enrolled in dual enrollment courses for credit, many of which are taught on postsecondary campuses and by postsecondary faculty and, therefore, it is highly likely that Louisiana technical or vocational school, community college, college and university professors, administrators, coaches and other school employees will have contact with or be responsible for the supervision of children through these and other cross-curricular, athletic, and cultural activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the health, safety and best interests of our children is of paramount concern for all Louisianians and it is appropriate and necessary that the State do everything within its means to ensure that suspected cases of abuse and neglect of our children are reported to the proper authorities;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, BOBBY JINDAL**, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

**SECTION 1:** All public technical or vocational school, community college, college, or university professors, administrators, coaches and other school employees shall report child abuse or neglect as soon as possible once observing an incident of child abuse or neglect or learning of an incident of child abuse or neglect and that person has cause to believe that child abuse or neglect actually occurred.

**SECTION 2:** The report shall be made to the local child protection unit of the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services and a local or state law enforcement agency. The report shall contain the information, if known, required by Ch. C. Art. 610 (B) and (C).

**SECTION 3:** “Child” shall be defined as in Ch. C. Art. 603 (5), and “abuse” and “neglect” shall be defined as in Ch. C. Art. 603 (1) and (16).

**SECTION 4:** This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the Governor, or terminated by operation of law.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 16th day of November, 2011.

Bobby Jindal  
Governor

ATTEST BY  
THE GOVERNOR  
Tom Schedler  
Secretary of State