

HB 1317 -- Abuse of a Child

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This bill specifies that a person commits the crime of abuse of a child if he or she knowingly causes physical injury to a child younger than seventeen years of age which results in shaken baby syndrome. "Shaken baby Syndrome" is defined as any physical injury caused by the rotational acceleration of the head by any means including, but not limited to, shaking, jerking, pushing, pulling, slamming, or kicking.

Abuse of a child is a class C felony, unless the person inflicts serious physical injury or serious emotional injury on a child younger than two years of age or it is committed as part of a ritual or ceremony in which case it will be a class B felony.