

HCS#2 HB 1317 -- ABUSE OF A CHILD (Riddle)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Committee on General Laws

This substitute specifies that a person commits the crime of abuse of a child if he or she recklessly causes serious physical injury to a child younger than 17 years of age which results in abusive head trauma. "Abusive head trauma" is defined as any serious physical injury to the head or brain caused by any means, including but not limited to, shaking, jerking, pushing, pulling, slamming, hitting, 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.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Net Cost on General Revenue Fund of Less than \$100,000 in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.