

**Subject** Child maltreatment reporting

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## Summary

Under Minnesota Statutes, section 260E.06, certain people (mandatory reporters) are required to report when they know or have reason to believe a child is being maltreated, or has been maltreated within the preceding three years. Any person may voluntarily report child maltreatment.

This bill prohibits any organization, facility, school, or other similar entity from having policies that prevent or discourage any person from reporting suspected or alleged child maltreatment. The bill also adds a misdemeanor penalty for any person who intentionally prevents or attempts to prevent a mandatory reporter from reporting child maltreatment.