

36:2-30

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST
Compiled by the NJ State Law Library

"Child Abuse Awareness Month"

NJSA: 36:2-30

LAWS OF: 1992 CHAPTER: 42

BILL NO: A773

SPONSOR(S): Felice

DATE INTRODUCED: February 3, 1992

COMMITTEE: ASSEMBLY: Senior Citizens
SENATE: Women's Issues

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE: ASSEMBLY: April 13, 1992
SENATE: June 11, 1992

DATE OF APPROVAL: July 2, 1992

FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

SPONSOR STATEMENT: Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY: Yes
SENATE: Yes

FISCAL NOTE: No

VETO MESSAGE: No

MESSAGE ON SIGNING: No

FOLLOWING WERE PRINTED:

REPORTS: No

HEARINGS: No

[FIRST REPRINT]
ASSEMBLY, No. 773

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 3, 1992

By Assemblyman FELICE

1 AN ACT permanently designating the month of April as "Child
2 Abuse Awareness Month."

3

4 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
5 *State of New Jersey:*

6 1. The Legislature finds and declares that:

7 a. The incidence of child abuse continues to increase in this
8 State and in the nation, and is a serious concern because it
9 affects not only children but their families and community as
10 well; and

11 b. While there were over ¹[26,000] 54,000¹ cases of suspected
12 child abuse reported in New Jersey in ¹[1983 and over 44,000
13 cases reported in 1984, an increase of 68% from the previous
14 year] 1990¹, many more cases go undetected; and

15 c. Although State government has increased its support of
16 programs to identify and treat child abuse, there remains a
17 tremendous need for community based programs which focus on
18 the prevention of child abuse; and

19 d. Research has demonstrated that child abuse is not limited
20 to any particular economic or social group, and greater
21 community awareness and broad-based support of child abuse
22 prevention programs will help ensure their success.

23 2. The month of April is permanently designated and declared
24 "Child Abuse Awareness Month" in the State of New Jersey.

25 3. The Governor and the Legislature urge parents, families and
26 community organizations to recognize "Child Abuse Awareness
27 Month" by increasing awareness of the problem of child abuse and
28 emphasizing activities and programs which prevent child abuse.

29 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

30

31

32

33

34 Permanently designates April as "Child Abuse Awareness Month."

EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the
above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:
¹ Assembly ASC committee amendments adopted March 30, 1992.

ASSEMBLY, No. 773
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 3, 1992

By Assemblyman FELICE

1 AN ACT permanently designating the month of April as "Child
2 Abuse Awareness Month."

3

4 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
5 *State of New Jersey:*

6 1. The Legislature finds and declares that:

7 a. The incidence of child abuse continues to increase in this
8 State and in the nation, and is a serious concern because it
9 affects not only children but their families and community as
10 well; and

11 b. While there were over 26,000 cases of suspected child abuse
12 reported in New Jersey in 1983 and over 44,000 cases reported in
13 1984, an increase of 68% from the previous year, many more
14 cases go undetected; and

15 c. Although State government has increased its support of
16 programs to identify and treat child abuse, there remains a
17 tremendous need for community based programs which focus on
18 the prevention of child abuse; and

19 d. Research has demonstrated that child abuse is not limited
20 to any particular economic or social group, and greater
21 community awareness and broad-based support of child abuse
22 prevention programs will help ensure their success.

23 2. The month of April is permanently designated and declared
24 "Child Abuse Awareness Month" in the State of New Jersey.

25 3. The Governor and the Legislature urge parents, families and
26 community organizations to recognize "Child Abuse Awareness
27 Month" by increasing awareness of the problem of child abuse and
28 emphasizing activities and programs which prevent child abuse.

29 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

30

31

32

STATEMENT

33

34 This bill permanently designates the month of April as "Child
35 Abuse Awareness Month." The bill is in keeping with the public
36 awareness campaign which was launched by the Department of
37 Human Services late in 1985 and is designed to reduce the number
38 of child abuse cases in New Jersey by 20% over the next year.
39 The campaign features new public service announcements, a
40 proclamation signed by the Governor declaring "Protect A Kid
41 Day" and a toll-free telephone number for New Jersey residents
42 to get information about the problem.

43 This bill predates the new public awareness campaign and is
44 intended to be a permanent reminder to the citizens of the State
45 of the need for continuing attention to the problem of child abuse.

1 This bill at the request of the sponsor includes more recent
2 figures on the number of reported child abuse cases in New
3 Jersey, as supplied by the Department of Human Services, to
4 reflect the growing magnitude of the problem and to dramatize
5 the need for greater community awareness and support of child
6 abuse prevention programs which this bill is intended to promote.

7

8

9

10

11 _____

Permanently designates April as "Child Abuse Awareness Month."

ASSEMBLY SENIOR CITIZENS AND SOCIAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 773

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 30, 1992

The Assembly Senior Citizens and Social Services Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 773 with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill permanently designates the month of April as "Child Abuse Awareness Month." The bill recognizes the growing magnitude of the problem and emphasizes the need for greater community awareness and support of child abuse prevention programs which this bill is intended to promote.

The committee amended the bill to reflect the most current child abuse statistics from the Department of Human Services.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 1992 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review which has been performed.

SENATE WOMEN'S ISSUES, CHILDREN
AND FAMILY SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 773

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 1, 1992

The Senate Women's Issues, Children and Family Services Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 773.

This bill permanently designates the month of April as "Child Abuse Awareness Month." The bill recognizes the growing magnitude of the problem and emphasizes the need for greater community awareness and support of child abuse prevention programs which this bill is intended to promote.