

subdivision to read:

Subd. 14. AERONAUTICS; OUT OF STATE AIRPORTS; APPLICATION OF STATE LAW. Any airport located outside this state shall be treated under this chapter as an airport located within this state if that airport is acquired, constructed, operated or maintained pursuant to a joint agreement between a municipality in this state and an adjoining state or municipality therein. The commissioner shall not expend state money to pay the cost of any project at any such airport except to assist a municipality in this state to pay its share of the costs of the project as set forth in a joint agreement.

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CHAPTER 212—S.F.No.1291

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to children; establishing additional venue for cases involving maltreatment of minors; providing for the reporting of maltreatment of minors; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 626.556, Subdivisions 2 and 11; and Chapter 627, by adding a section.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Chapter 627, is amended by adding a section to read:

[627.15] MALTREATMENT OF MINORS; ADDED VENUE. A criminal action arising out of an incident of alleged child abuse may be prosecuted either in the county where the alleged abuse occurred or the county where the child is found.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 626.556, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **DEFINITIONS.** As used in this section, the following terms have the meanings given them unless the specific content indicates otherwise:

(a) "Sexual abuse" means the subjection by the child's parents, guardian, or person responsible for the child's care, to any act which constitutes a violation of sections 609.291, 609.292, 609.293, 609.295, or 609.296.

(b) "Neglected child" shall have the meanings defined in section 260.015, subdivision 10. Nothing in this section shall be construed to mean that a child is neglected solely because the child's parent, guardian or other person responsible for his care in good faith selects and depends upon spiritual means or prayer for treatment or care of disease or remedial care of the child.

(c) "Physical abuse" means:

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(i) Any physical injury inflicted by a parent, guardian or other person responsible for the child's care on a child other than by accidental means; or

(ii) Any physical injury or health defect that cannot reasonably be explained by the ~~history of injuries provided by the~~ a parent, guardian or other person responsible for the child's care.

(d) "Report" means any report received by the local welfare agency pursuant to this section.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 626.556, Subdivision 11, is amended to read:

Subd. 11. **RECORDS.** All records maintained by a local welfare agency under this section, including any written reports filed under subdivision 7, shall be private. The records shall be collected and maintained in accordance with the provisions of sections 15.162 to 15.168, and an individual subject of a record shall have access to the record in accordance with those sections, except that the name of the reporter shall be disclosed only (a) by the local welfare agency if the report is found to be unsubstantiated or (b) by the local welfare agency upon court order if the report is found to be substantiated.

Records maintained by local welfare agencies under this section must be destroyed as follows:

(a) All records relating to reports which, upon investigation, are found to be ~~unsubstantiated~~ false shall be destroyed immediately;

(b) All records relating to reports which, upon investigation, are found to be substantiated shall be destroyed seven years after the date of the final entry in the case record; and

(c) All records of reports which, upon initial investigation, cannot be substantiated or disproved to the satisfaction of the local welfare agency may be kept for a period of one year. If neither the local welfare agency nor local police department is ~~unable~~ able to substantiate the report within that period, all records relating to the report shall be destroyed immediately.

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CHAPTER 213—S.F.No.1298

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An act relating to employments licensed by state; exempting registered professional engineers from water well contractor licensing provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 156A.03, by adding a subdivision.

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