

THIS PUBLIC BILL has this day been read a Third time and passed

The Clerk of the Parliament.

*Legislative Assembly Chamber,
Brisbane, September 2016*



Queensland

No.

A BILL for

An Act to amend the Child Protection Act 1999 for particular purposes



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Child Protection (Mandatory Reporting— Mason's Law) Amendment Bill 2016

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[s 1]

The Parliament of Queensland enacts—

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Child Protection (Mandatory Reporting—Mason's Law) Amendment Act 2016*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on 1 July 2017.

3 Act amended

This Act amends the *Child Protection Act 1999*.

4 Amendment of s 13E (Mandatory reporting by persons engaged in particular work)

(1) Section 13E(1)—

insert—

(f) an early childhood education and care professional.

(2) Section 13E—

insert—

(4) In this section—

early childhood education and care professional means an individual, other than a volunteer or an individual under the age of 18, who is—

(a) any of the following under the *Education and Care Services Act 2013*—

(i) an approved provider;

(ii) a supervisor for a QEC approved service;

- (iii) an educator for a QEC approved service; or
- (b) any of the following under the Education and Care Services National Law (Queensland)—
 - (i) an approved provider;
 - (ii) a nominated supervisor for an approved education and care service;
 - (iii) an educator for an approved education and care service;
 - (iv) a family day care co-ordinator for an approved family day care service;
 - (v) a family day care educator for an approved family day care service.

5 Amendment of s 13H (Conferrals with colleague and related information sharing)

Section 13H(1)(d), example—

omit, insert—

Examples for paragraph (d)—

- 1 A teacher with a reportable suspicion about a child under section 13E may give information to the principal at the school to enable the principal to take appropriate action to protect the child or other children from risk of harm.
- 2 An educator under the Education and Care Services National Law (Queensland) with a reportable suspicion about a child under section 13E may give information to the nominated supervisor for the approved education and care service, within the meaning of that Law, to enable the supervisor to take appropriate action to protect the child or other children from risk of harm.