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1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §49-2-810 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,  
2 relating to immunity from criminal and civil liability and amending the provision of immunity  
3 to explicitly grant immunity from civil or criminal liability for individuals providing information  
4 or assistance to a good faith report of child abuse or neglect.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 2. STATE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CHILDREN.**

**§49-2-810. Immunity from liability.**

1 Any person, official, or institution participating in good faith in any act permitted or required  
2 by this article is immune from any civil or criminal liability that otherwise might result by reason of  
3 those actions, including individuals making good faith reports of suspected or known instances of  
4 child abuse or neglect, or who otherwise provide information or assistance, including medical  
5 evaluations or consultations, in connection with a report, investigation or legal intervention  
6 pursuant to a good faith report of child abuse or neglect.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

*Noel Coates*  
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Chairman, House Committee

*Mark Raymond*  
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Chairman, Senate Committee

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Speaker of the House of Delegates

*M. B. Cummings*  
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President of the Senate

The within *is*..... *approved* this the... *25<sup>th</sup>*.....  
day of... *March*....., 2020.

*Jane S. Gunter*  
.....  
Governor

PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

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Time 1:15 pm