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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR GREEN.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 630.165, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to long-term health care facilities, with penalty provisions.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 630.165, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 630.165 and 630.555, to read as follows:

630.165. 1. When any physician, dentist, chiropractor, optometrist, podiatrist, intern, nurse, medical examiner, social worker, psychologist, minister, Christian Science practitioner, peace officer, pharmacist, physical therapist, facility administrator, nurse's aide or orderly in a residential facility, day program, **including privately funded**, or specialized service operated, funded or licensed by the department or in a mental health facility or mental health program in which people may be admitted on a voluntary basis or are civilly detained pursuant to chapter 632, RSMo, or employee of the department, **or of the private facility**, has reasonable cause to believe that a patient, resident or client of a facility, program or service has been abused or neglected, he or she shall immediately report or cause a report to be made to the department or the department of health and senior services, if such facility or program is licensed pursuant to chapter 197, RSMo.

2. The report shall contain the name and address of the residential facility, day program or specialized service; the name of the patient, resident or client; information regarding the nature of the abuse or neglect; the name of the complainant, and any other information which might be helpful in an investigation.

3. Any person required in subsection 1 of this section to report or cause a report to be made to the department who fails to do so within a reasonable time after the act of abuse or neglect is guilty of an infraction.

4. In addition to those persons required to report under subsection 1 of this section, any other person having reasonable cause to believe that a resident has been abused or neglected may report such information to the department.

5. Any person who knowingly files a false report of abuse or neglect is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

6. Any person having a prior conviction of filing false reports and who subsequently files a false report of abuse or neglect pursuant to this section or section 565.188, RSMo, is guilty of a class D felony.

**630.555. Prior to closure or downsizing of any state facility operated by the department of mental health, the director of the department shall submit a cost-benefit analysis of and a written plan for the closure or downsizing of the facility to the senate and house appropriations committees on mental health for their consideration.**

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