

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

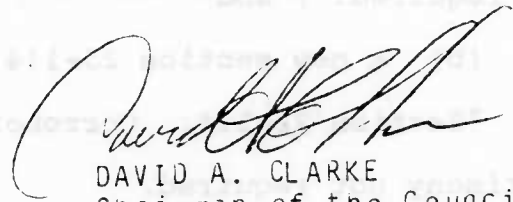
NOTICE

D.C. LAW 5-196

"Child Abuse Reform Act of 1984".

Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, P. L. 93-198, "the Act", the Council of the District of Columbia adopted Bill No. 5-426 on first and second readings, September 12, 1984, and October 23, 1984, respectively. Following the signature of the Mayor on November 8, 1984, this legislation was assigned Act No. 5-204, published in the November 30, 1984, edition of the D.C. Register, (Vol. 31 page 5977) and transmitted to Congress on January 8, 1985 for a 60-day review, in accordance with Section 602 (c)(2) of the Act.

The Council of the District of Columbia hereby gives notice that the 60-day Congressional Review Period has expired, and therefore, cites this enactment as D.C. Law 5-196, effective May 3, 1985.



DAVID A. CLARKE  
Chairman of the Council

Dates Counted During the 60-day Congressional Review Period:

January	22,23,24,25,28,29,30,31
February	1,4,5,6,7,19,20,21,22,25,26,27,28
March	1,4,5,6,7,8,11,12,13,14,15,18,19,20,21,22,25,26,27, 28,29
April	1,2,3,4,15,16,17,18,19,22,23,24,25,26,29,30
May	1,2

~~EFFECTIVE~~ DATE MAY 03 1985

D.C. ACT 5 - 2 0 4

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

NOV - 8 1984

To abolish the requirement for independent corroboration of the testimony of a child victim of any crime listed in title 22 of the D.C. Code.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Child Abuse Reform Act of 1984".

Sec. 2. Title 23 of the District of Columbia is amended as follows:

(a) The chapter table of contents for chapter 1 is amended by adding the words:

"23-114. Corroboration of a child witness' testimony not required."; and

(b) A new section 23-114 is added to read as follows:  
"Section 23-114. Corroboration of a child witness' testimony not required.

"For purposes of prosecutions brought under title 22 of the D.C. Code, independent corroboration of the testimony of a child victim is not required to warrant a conviction."

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect after a 60-day period of Congressional review following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of a veto by the Mayor, action by the Council of the District of Columbia to override the veto) as

New  
D.C. Code,  
sec. 23-114  
Note,  
D.C. Code,  
secs. 22-901  
-2011, -270  
-2801, -350  
& -3502  
(1985 supp.

provided in section 602(c)(2) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code, sec. 1-233 (c)(2)), as amended.

Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor  
District of Columbia  
APPROVED: November 8, 1984

NAME	DATE	INITIALS	OFFICE	STATUS
MARSH				
KAYE				
JAYNE				
CRAWFORD				
THOM CLAYKE				
COUNCIL MEMBER				
AYE				
NAY				
A.B.				
COUNCIL MEMBER				
AYE				
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NAY				
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**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
Council Period Five — Second Session

**RECORD OF OFFICIAL COUNCIL VOTE**

DOCKET NO: B 5-426

Item on Consent Calendar

ACTION & DATE: Adopted First Reading, 9-12-84

VOICE VOTE: Unanimous

Recorded vote on request

Absent: all present

ROLL CALL VOTE: — RESULT \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
CHMN. CLARKE					MOORE, JR.					SPAULDING				
CRAWFORD					RAY					WILSON				
JARVIS					ROLARK					WINTER				
KANE					SHACKLETON									
MASON					SMITH, JR.									

X — Indicates Vote      A.B. — Absent      N.V. — Present, not voting

CERTIFICATION RECORD

[Signature]  
Secretary to the Council

Oct 30 1984  
Date

Item on Consent Calendar

ACTION & DATE: Adopted Final Reading, 10-23-84

VOICE VOTE: Unanimous

Recorded vote on request

Absent: all present

ROLL CALL VOTE: — RESULT \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
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VOICE VOTE: \_\_\_\_\_

Recorded vote on request

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

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