

South Australia

# Children's Protection (Notification) Amendment Act 2013

An Act to amend the *Children's Protection Act 1993*.

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**The Parliament of South Australia enacts as follows:**

## Part 1—Preliminary

### 1—Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Children's Protection (Notification) Amendment Act 2013*.

### 2—Commencement

This Act will come into operation on a day to be fixed by proclamation.

### 3—Amendment provisions

In this Act, a provision under a heading referring to the amendment of a specified Act amends the Act so specified.

## Part 2—Amendment of *Children's Protection Act 1993*

### 4—Amendment of section 11—Notification of abuse or neglect

Section 11—after subsection (2) insert:

- (2a) In proceedings for an offence against subsection (1), it is a defence for the defendant to prove that his or her suspicion was due solely to having been informed of the suspected abuse or neglect by a police officer acting in the course of his or her official duties.

- (2b) In proceedings for an offence against subsection (1), it is a defence for the defendant to prove that—
- (a) his or her suspicion was due solely to having been informed of the suspected abuse or neglect by another person to whom this section applies; and
  - (b) he or she believed on reasonable grounds that the other person had given a notification under this section in respect of the suspected abuse or neglect.