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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Mandated Reporter Commission, established by the Childhood Wellness Bill of 2019, is holding a public comment period and virtual public hearings on proposals before the Commission for consideration in making recommendations to revisions of the Massachusetts Mandated Reporter Law, MGL c. 119 §51A-B. The Commission has produced a **Report Seeking Public Comment: Proposals Presented to the Commission** which details the issues the Commission is considering and seeks public feedback on specific proposals. A copy of the **Report Seeking Public Comment: Proposals Presented to the Commission** is available on the Mandated Reporter Commission website: <https://www.mass.gov/mandated-reporter-commission>.

The Public Comment Period: Members of the public may submit written comments via email or via paper mail to the Mandated Reporter Commission. Written feedback must be submitted between March 22, 2021 and April 21, 2021 to be considered by the Commission. Written feedback submitted to the Commission will be available as public documents on the Mandated Reporter Commission Website: <https://www.mass.gov/mandated-reporter-commission>.

Written comments must be submitted via the email address or mailing address below:
mandated.reporter.commission@mass.gov Mandated Reporter Commission
C/O Office of the Child Advocate
One Ashburton Place, 5th Floor
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The Public Hearings: Members of the public are invited to testify at a public meeting, hosted by the Mandated Reporter Commission, in order to provide oral feedback on the proposals before the Commission. Due to the State of Emergency declared by Governor Charles D. Baker on March 10, 2020, and subsequent orders concerning limitations on public gatherings, the hearing will be conducted via a web-based program and will not be in-person. The information for the virtual public hearings will be on the Mandated Reporter Commission website <https://www.mass.gov/mandated-reporter-commission> at least 72 hours in advance of each hearing date.

Virtual Public Hearings will be held on:
TUESDAY APRIL 13, 2021 4:00pm-6:30pm
SATURDAY APRIL 17, 2021 1:30pm-3:30pm

These virtual public hearings will be recorded. Any speaker testifying in their professional capacity at either of these public hearings will be required to provide their name and affiliation. Any speaker testifying in their personal capacity at either of these public hearings will be provided the option to be anonymous. All speakers will be recorded.

If you are deaf or hard of hearing, or are a person with a disability who requires accommodation, please contact the Mandated Reporter Commission at least 5 days before the hearing via email at mandated.reporter.commission@mass.gov or the Office of the Child Advocate via phone at 617-979-8360.

