

# **WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §61-8F-5**

## **§61-8F-5 Failure to report; obstruction; retaliation; penalties.**

(a) Any person in a position of trust in relation to a disabled child who is subject to the mandatory reporting requirements in §49-2-803 of this code who fails to make a required report regarding a disabled child is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be confined in jail for not more than one year.

(b) Any person who willfully impedes or obstructs or attempts to impede or obstruct a person in a position of trust in regard to a disabled child from making a report required by §49-2-803 of this code regarding a disabled child is guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned in a state correctional facility for not less than one nor more than three years, or both fined and imprisoned.

(c) Any person who discriminates or retaliates against a person in a position of trust in relation to a disabled child for making a report pursuant to § 49-2-803 of this code regarding a disabled child is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned in a state correctional facility for not less than one year nor more than three years or both fined and imprisoned or both fined and imprisoned.