

# **WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §61-8F-3**

## **§61-8F-3. Maltreatment of a disabled child; penalties.**

(a) Any person in a position of trust in relation to a disabled child, who has supervisory responsibility over a disabled child, and who repeatedly engages in conduct, verbal or otherwise toward the child in an insulting, demeaning, or threatening manner, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than \$500, nor more than \$2,500, or confined in jail not more than one year, or both fined and confined.

(b) The conduct prohibited by this section includes, but is not limited to, behavior of any type intended to humiliate, intimidate, shame, degrade, or cause emotional distress.

(c) Each instance of the conduct prohibited by subsection (a) of this section shall constitute a separate and distinct offense whether directed at one disabled child or multiple disabled children.