

**21-5602. Abuse of a child.** (a) Abuse of a child is knowingly:

- (1) Torturing or cruelly beating any child under the age of 18 years;
- (2) shaking any child under the age of 18 years which results in great bodily harm to the child; or
- (3) inflicting cruel and inhuman corporal punishment upon any child under the age of 18 years.

(b) Abuse of a child is a severity level 5, person felony.

(c) A person who violates the provisions of this section may also be prosecuted for, convicted of, and punished for any form of battery or homicide.

**History:** L. 2010, ch. 136, § 79; L. 2011, ch. 30, § 285; July 1.