

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

TITLE 11. LAW

DIVISION 1. ATTORNEY GENERAL CHAPTER 9. REPORT OF CHILD ABUSE

UPDATED INFORMATIVE DIGEST

Effect of the Proposed Rulemaking:

On January 24, 2025, the Department of Justice (DOJ) published the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Action. Following the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the regulations text and incorporated documents were modified on August 5, 2025. The modifications are described below:

Article 1. Administration of the Child Abuse Central Index

§ 901: Section 901 was amended to specify that, in accordance with Penal Code section 11169, an agency that is required to report instances of known or suspected child abuse or severe neglect shall do so when it conducts an active investigation and determines the allegations are substantiated. The section also added “child” before “abuse” and “severe” before “neglect,” replaced “CANRA” with references to Penal Code sections 11165.1, 11165.2, subdivision (a), 11165.3, 11165.4, 11165.5, and 11165.12, clarified that “DOJ” means the California Department of Justice, and updated the incorporated Child Abuse or Severe Neglect Indexing Form, BCIA 8583, to the revised version dated 06/2024. Section 901 was also non-substantively amended to replace the word “is” with “are,” “that” with “those,” and “are” with “is.”

The form incorporated by reference in section 901 was also proposed to be adopted with some revisions from the originally noticed version.

BCIA 8583: The Child Abuse or Severe Neglect Indexing Form, BCIA 8583 (Rev. 06/2024), was revised to remove the instruction to attach a copy of the original BCIA 8583 that was previously located next to the “Amended Report” checkbox. A new field titled “Initial Report Submission Date” was added to section C (Amended Report Information). In section D (Involved Parties), the “Approximate Age” fields were removed, and new checkboxes for “Nonbinary/Unspecified” were added. The Privacy Notice was also updated to remove “subdivision (f)” after “Penal Code 11170,” to specify the purpose for which the information collected will be used, to designate the CACI Response Unit “Analyst” as the point of contact, and to add the letter “s” to “purposes,” and remove “also” between “may” and “be.”

§ 902: Section 902 was amended to add language allowing agencies, when completing and submitting a BCIA 8583, to review the incorporated “Instructions for Completing the Child Abuse or Severe Neglect Indexing Form (BCIA 8583) (Rev. 03/2025)” for assistance. This section clarified that “CACI” means the Child Abuse Central Index and “CANRA” means the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act, inserted “, subdivision” before “(a)” in the reference to Penal Code section 11169, and specified “child” before “abuse.” This section further added

“initial report submission date” as a required field for amended reports, added “or left blank” as an option for certain check boxes, specified “and may be left blank” for information not required for a BCIA 8583 to be considered complete, and removed references to “attach a copy of the original report” and “approximate age.” This section also added provisions directing agencies to discontinue a submission if required information cannot be provided and specifying that rejection letters will be sent to the agency’s designated point of contact. The phrase “but not limited to” was added concerning agencies subject to retention requirements.

§ 903: Entities Authorized to Access CACI Information May Not Make Determinations Based Solely on the CACI Listing.

The Authority and Reference section was non-substantively amended to remove the comma after all references to Penal Code section 11169 and to remove extra spaces.

§ 904: Section 904 was amended to specify “child” before “abuse” and to remove extra spaces.

§ 905: Section 905 was amended to update the incorporated Request for Child Abuse Central Index Search, BCIA 4084, and the Child Abuse Central Index Inquiry Request for Out-of-State Foster Care & Adoption Agencies, BCIA 4057, to the revised versions dated 06/2024. The Authority and Reference section was non-substantively amended to remove an extra space.

The forms incorporated by reference in section 905 were also proposed to be adopted with some revisions from the originally noticed versions.

BCIA 4084: The Request for Child Abuse Central Index Search, BCIA 4084 (Rev. 06/2024), was revised to update the Privacy Notice to remove “subdivision (f)” after “Penal Code 11170,” specify the purpose for which the information collected will be used, to designate the CACI Response Unit “Analyst” as the point of contact, add the letter “s” to “purposes,” and remove “also” between “may” and “be.”

BCIA 4057: The Child Abuse Central Index Inquiry Request for Out-of-State Foster Care & Adoption Agencies, BCIA 4057 (Rev. 06/2024), was revised to remove “subdivision (f)” after “Penal Code 11170,” update the Privacy Notice to specify the purpose for which the information collected will be used, to designate the CACI Response Unit “Analyst” as the point of contact, add the letter “s” to “purposes,” and remove “also” between “may” and “be.”

§ 906: Section 906 was amended to update the incorporated Child Abuse Central Index Self Inquiry Request, BCIA 4056, to the revised version dated 11/2024.

The form incorporated by reference in section 906 was also proposed to be adopted with some revisions from the originally noticed version.

BCIA 4056: The Child Abuse Central Index Self Inquiry Request, BCIA 4056 (Rev. 11/2024), was revised to update the Privacy Notice to remove “subdivision (f)” after “Penal Code 11170,” specify the purpose for which the information collected will be used, to designate the CACI

Response Unit “Analyst” as the point of contact, add the letter “s” to “purposes,” and remove “also” between “may” and “be.”

Applicable Laws:

There have been no other changes in the applicable laws or to the effect of the proposed regulations from the laws and effects described in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Action.