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Section

- 1** **Definitions.** Adds § 325F.174. Defines, for purpose of this act, “child” and “children’s product.”

Provides an immediate effective date.
- 2** **Formaldehyde in children’s products; ban.** Adds § 325F.175. Prohibits knowingly selling children’s products that contain formaldehyde or ingredients that chemically degrade under normal conditions to release formaldehyde. The prohibition begins January 1, 2014. Violation is a misdemeanor.

Provides an immediate effective date.
- 3** **Formaldehyde replacement chemicals.** Adds § 325F.176. Prohibits manufacturers from replacing a prohibited chemical with a chemical known by the manufacturer to have been identified in credible scientific evidence by a state, federal, or international agency as being known or suspected to be harmful to fetal or child development, cause cancer or other damage, or disruption to the endocrine and other biological systems. Violation is a misdemeanor.

Effective August 1, 2013, and applies to crimes committed on or after that date.

Note: Under section 325F.16, a person who violates any provision of sections 325F.08 to 325F.18 is guilty of a misdemeanor.