

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides for the reporting procedure within the Dept. of Children and Family Services (DCFS) for child abuse or neglect cases.

Existing law requires that reports of child abuse or neglect be made immediately to DCFS through the designated state child protection reporting hotline telephone number if the abuser is believed to be a parent, caretaker, person in a dating or engagement relationship with the parent or caretaker, or a person living in the same residence with the parent or caretaker as a spouse whether married or not.

Existing law provides that if the abuse or neglect is believed to be committed by someone other than a caretaker, person in a dating or engagement relationship with the parent or caretaker, or a person living in the same residence with the parent or caretaker as a spouse whether married or not, and the caretaker is not believed to be responsible for the abuse or neglect, a report of the abuse or neglect shall be made to a local or state law enforcement agency.

Existing law allows the reporting of such abuse or neglect to both DCFS and the local or state law enforcement agency.

New law requires, in an investigation of a report of child abuse or neglect, DCFS to determine if the person is an active duty member of the military or the spouse of an active duty member. If such a determination is made, DCFS is required to notify the United States Department of Defense Family Advocacy Program of the investigation.

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(Amends Ch.C. Art. 610(A))