The original instrument was prepared by Alden A. Clement, Jr. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Brandi Cannon.

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<u>Present law</u> provides that any "mandatory reporter", as defined by <u>present law</u>, who has cause to believe that a child's physical or mental health or welfare is endangered as a result of abuse or neglect, or that abuse or neglect was a contributing factor in a child's death, must report that suspected abuse to the proper authorities in accordance with present law.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds that, for purposes of the reporting requirements of <u>present law</u>, the pregnancy of a child under the age of 13 years constitutes cause to consider whether the child has been abused.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends Ch.C. Art. 609(A)(1))

SB 433 Reengrossed

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

## Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Changes the initial presumption of child abuse to a requirement to investigate the possibility of child abuse.