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HOUSE BILL NO. 557

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

CHILDREN/ABUSE: Requires that mandatory reporters receive training on laws of mandatory reporting of child abuse

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Children's Code Article 609(A)(3), relative to mandatory reporting of child abuse;  
3 to require that mandatory reporters receive training on mandatory reporting laws; and  
4 to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. Children's Code Article 609(A)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 Art. 609. Mandatory and permitted reporting; training requirements

8 A. With respect to mandatory reporters:

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10 (3)(a) To familiarize mandatory reporters, as defined by Children's Code  
11 Article 603(15), with their legal mandate for reporting suspected child abuse and  
12 neglect, such mandatory reporters shall be offered training on the statutory  
13 requirements and responsibility of reporting child abuse and neglect. This training  
14 shall be made available by the child welfare section of the Department of Children  
15 and Family Services or any other mechanism as approved by the department as long  
16 as it includes information on the reporting procedure and the consequences of failing  
17 to report.

18 (b) All mandatory reporters are responsible for periodically obtaining  
19 mandatory reporter training.

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Requires that mandatory reporters receive training on mandatory reporting laws and the consequences of failing to report.

Proposed law establishes training for all mandatory reporters, as defined by present law, to familiarize these reporters with their legal mandate for reporting suspected child abuse and neglect. Specifies that said training must be made available by the child welfare division of the Dept. of Children and Family Services or any other mechanism as approved by the department as long as it includes information on the reporting procedure and consequences of failing to report.

Proposed law specifies that all mandatory reporters are responsible for periodically obtaining mandated reporter training.

(Adds Ch. C. Art. 609(A)(3))