## DIGEST

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Willmott HB No. 557

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

<u>Proposed law</u> establishes training for all mandatory reporters, as defined by <u>present law</u>, 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.

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

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