
DIGEST

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HB No. 557

Abstract: Requires that training be made available for mandatory reporters 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 section 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 provides that each mandatory reporter may obtain mandatory reporting training as each mandatory reporter believes to be necessary.

Proposed law authorizes the appropriate state regulatory department, board, commission, or agency for each category of mandatory reporter to provide continuing education credit for the completion of the training.

Proposed law authorizes any entity, including but not limited to hospitals, educational and religious institutions, and nonprofits, to provide its employees, volunteers, or educational attendees with equivalent training.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill.

1. Exempted from mandatory training any employee of or volunteer for an entity designated as nonprofit by the IRS or any hospital if the nonprofit entity or hospital regularly conducts equivalent training.

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Made technical changes.
2. Clarified that each mandatory reporter may obtain mandatory reporting training as each mandatory reporter believes to be necessary.
3. Authorized the appropriate state regulatory department, board, commission, or agency for each category of mandatory reporter to provide continuing education credit for the completion of the training.
4. Authorized any entity, including but not limited to hospitals, educational and religious institutions, and nonprofits, to provide its employees, volunteers, or educational attendees with equivalent training.