## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Provides an exception to the definition of mandatory reporter for mental health/social service practitioners serving as part of an attorney's team rendering legal services to a client.

<u>Present law</u> defines "mandatory reporter" to include a mental health/social service practitioner who provides mental health care or social service diagnosis, assessment, counseling, or treatment, including a psychiatrist, psychologist, marriage or family counselor, social worker, member of the clergy, aide, or other individual who provides counseling services to a child or his family.

Proposed law retains present law and adds behavioral health professional to the definition.

<u>Proposed law</u> further adds an exception to the definition for mental health/social service practitioners serving as part of the legal team rendering legal services to a client.

(Amends Ch.C. Art. 603(17)(b))