

**ACT No. 272**

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 474

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1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Children's Code Article 603.1, relative to mandatory reporters of  
3 child abuse and neglect; to provide relative to the training requirements for certain  
4 mandatory reporters; to require teaching and child care providers to complete an  
5 annual training on mandatory reporter laws; to provide for the retention of records  
6 of completion; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Children's Code Article 603.1 is hereby amended and reenacted to read  
9 as follows:

10 Art. 603.1. Required education; reporting child abuse

11 A. ~~Commencing May 1, 2006, every~~ Every person graduating from any  
12 teacher preparation program in Louisiana shall have had in his curriculum instruction  
13 on the requirements of and how to report suspected child abuse cases pursuant to  
14 Children's Code Article 601 et seq., as well as instruction on how to identify the  
15 signs and symptoms of child neglect and abuse, including sexual abuse, in order to  
16 receive his teacher certification.

17 B. Teaching or child care providers as defined by Article 603 of this Code  
18 shall complete an online training course provided by the Department of Children and  
19 Family Services between June first and August thirty-first annually. A record of  
20 completion of the course by the teaching or child care provider shall be provided to  
21 and retained by each entity at which the teaching or child care provider is employed.  
22 The entity at which the teaching or child care provider is employed shall retain a list

1           of all teaching or child care providers who have not complied with the training  
2           requirements provided in this Article.

3           Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
4 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
5 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
6 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
7 effective on the day following such approval.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_