
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2024 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Original House Bill No. 231 by Representative Mandie Landry

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, delete lines 2 through 4 in their entirety and insert the following:

" To amend and reenact Children's Code Article 610(A)(1), relative to children in need of care and mandatory reporting; to require the"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 5, delete "mandatory"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, delete lines 10 through 20 in their entirety and insert the following:

"Section 1. Children's Code Article 610(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Art. 610. Reporting procedure; reports to the legislature and the United States Department of Defense Family Advocacy Program

A.(1) Reports of child abuse or neglect or that such was a contributing factor in a child's death, where the abuser is believed to be a parent or caretaker, a person who maintains an interpersonal dating or engagement relationship with the parent or caretaker, or a person living in the same residence with the parent or caretaker as a spouse whether married or not, shall be made immediately to the department. A permitted reporter shall make a report through the designated state child protection reporting hotline telephone number or in person at any child welfare office. A mandatory reporter shall make a report through the designated state child protection reporting hotline telephone number, via the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services Mandated Reporter Portal online, or in person at any child welfare office. Reports in which the abuse or neglect is believed to be perpetrated by someone other than a caretaker, a person who maintains an interpersonal dating or engagement relationship with the parent or caretaker, or a person living in the same residence with the parent or caretaker as a spouse whether married or not, and the caretaker is not believed to have any responsibility for the abuse or neglect shall be made immediately to a local or state law enforcement agency. Abuse perpetrated by a school employee, teacher, or coach shall be reported to a local or state law enforcement agency. Dual reporting to both the department and the local or state law enforcement agency is permitted. If a report involves alleged sex trafficking, all mandatory reporters shall report to the department regardless of whether there is alleged parental or caretaker culpability.

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AMENDMENT NO. 4

Delete pages 2 and 3 in their entirety