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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to existing requirements applicable to mandatory reporters, including requirements pertaining to certain training provided by the Dept. of Children and Family Services (DCFS).

Present law provides that the definition of a "mandatory reporter" includes a "teaching or child care provider". Requires each teaching or child care provider to complete an online training course provided by the DCFS between June first and August 31st annually. Requires that a record of completion of the course be provided to each entity at which the provider is employed. Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that each school employee who meets the definition of a mandatory reporter as provided in present law is subject to all present law provisions relative to mandatory reporters, including but not limited to such present law training and reporting requirements. Proposed law is applicable to such employees of all public schools, including charter schools.

(Adds R.S. 17:421 and 3996(B)(24))