

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 272 (HB 474)

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Existing law requires certain persons, defined as mandatory reporters, to report to the Dept. of Children and Family Services or to law enforcement when the person has cause to believe that a child's physical or mental health is endangered as a result of abuse or neglect.

Existing law requires the Dept. of Children and Family Services to make training available to mandatory reporters on the statutory requirements and responsibility of reporting child abuse and neglect. Authorizes other entities to provide equivalent training. Provides that a mandatory reporter may obtain training as he believes necessary.

Existing law requires every person graduating from a teacher preparation program in La. to have received instruction on the requirement for and method of reporting suspected child abuse and on how to identify signs and symptoms of child neglect and abuse.

Existing law includes as a mandatory reporter any "teaching or child care provider", which is defined as any person who provides or assists in the teaching, training, and supervision of a child in a voluntary or professional capacity.

New law requires that a teaching or child care provider annually complete an online training course provided by the Dept. of Children and Family Services. New law requires employers of such providers to retain records regarding course completion.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 11, 2020).

(Amends Ch.C. Art. 603.1)