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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Adds teaching or child care providers and school coaches to the definition of "caretaker". Requires mandatory reporting of abuse and neglect of a child.

Present law (Ch.C. Art. 603(4)(a)) provides definitions of a caretaker for the purposes of children in need of care.

Proposed law retains present law and adds teaching or child care provider and school coaches to the definition of "caretaker". Proposed law also removes the exception to the caretaker definition for operators or employees of nonresidential schools.

Present law (Ch.C. Art. 610(A)(1)) provides the procedures for reporting abuse or neglect of a child.

Proposed law retains present law and adds teaching or child care provider and school coaches to the types of abusers referenced.

Proposed law requires the mandatory reporting of a child's abuse or neglect perpetrated by a teaching or child care provider or school coach.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends Ch.C. Art. 603(4)(a) and 610(A)(1); Adds Ch.C. Art. 610.1)