
DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits school resource officers from receiving certain information from a mandatory report.

Present law provides a list of defined mandatory reporters of child abuse. That list includes police officers and law enforcement officials. Any police officer or law enforcement official who works as a school resource officer is considered a mandatory reporter.

Present law also provides that a school resource officer cannot receive information from another mandatory reporter or commence or oversee any investigation into a report.

Proposed law repeals the prohibition to receive information from another mandatory reporter.

Present law provides for the instances when a mandatory reporter is required to report child abuse or neglect or that child abuse or neglect was a contributing factor in a child's death.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that a school resource officer cannot receive a mandatory report if the report involves a school employee who is suspected of illegal activity.

(Amends Ch.C. Arts. 603(17)(e) and 610(A)(3) and (4); Adds Ch.C. Art. 610(A)(5))