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## DIGEST

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HB No. 557

**Abstract:** Requires that training be made available for mandatory reporters on mandatory reporting laws and the consequences of failing to report.

Proposed law establishes training for all mandatory reporters, as defined by present law, to familiarize these reporters with their legal mandate for reporting suspected child abuse and neglect. Specifies that said training must be made available by the child welfare division of the Dept. of Children and Family Services or any other mechanism as approved by the department as long as it includes information on the reporting procedure and consequences of failing to report.

Proposed law specifies that all mandatory reporters are responsible for periodically obtaining mandated reporter training.

Proposed law exempts any employee of or volunteer for an entity designated as nonprofit by the IRS or any hospital if the nonprofit entity or hospital regularly conducts equivalent training.

(Adds Ch. C. Art. 609(A)(3))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill.

1. Exempted from mandatory training any employee of or volunteer for an entity designated as nonprofit by the IRS or any hospital if the nonprofit entity or hospital regularly conducts equivalent training.