
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides an exception to the definition of mandatory reporter for mental health/social service practitioners serving as part of an attorney's team rendering legal services to a client.

Present law defines "mandatory reporter" to include a mental health/social service practitioner who provides mental health care or social service diagnosis, assessment, counseling, or treatment, including a psychiatrist, psychologist, marriage or family counselor, social worker, member of the clergy, aide, or other individual who provides counseling services to a child or his family.

Proposed law retains present law but adds an exception to the definition for mental health/social service practitioners serving as part of the legal team rendering legal services to a client.

(Amends Ch.C. Art. 603(17)(b))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Remove the proposed addition of behavioral health professional to the definition of mental health/social service practitioner.
2. Make technical changes.