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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to mandatory child abuse and dependent adult
2 abuse reporter training, and including applicability
3 provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 135.11, subsection 24, Code 2013, is
2 amended by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu
3 thereof the following:
4 24. *a.* Establish requirements for the curricula and
5 perform the review and approval for mandatory reporter
6 training curricula for those persons who work in a position
7 classification that under law makes the persons mandatory
8 reporters of child or dependent adult abuse and the position
9 classification does not have a mandatory reporter training
10 curriculum approved by a licensing or examining board. The
11 department may convene a stakeholder group which includes
12 representatives from the departments of education, human
13 services, and public safety, as necessary to make revisions to
14 the curricula.
15 *b.* Establish requirements for trainers for the interactive
16 training requirement for mandatory reporters and perform
17 the review and approval of the trainers for the interactive
18 training requirement for mandatory reporters provided in
19 section 232.69, subsection 3, paragraph *"b"*, subparagraph (3).
20 Sec. 2. Section 232.69, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code
21 2013, is amended to read as follows:
22 *b.* (1) A person required to make a report under subsection
23 1, other than a physician whose professional practice does
24 not regularly involve providing primary health care to
25 children, shall complete two hours of training relating to
26 the identification and reporting of child abuse within six
27 months of initial employment or self-employment involving the
28 examination, attending, counseling, or treatment of children
29 on a regular basis.
30 (2) Within one month of initial employment or
31 self-employment, the person shall obtain a statement of the
32 abuse reporting requirements from the person's employer or, if
33 self-employed, from the department.
34 (3) Between twenty-four and thirty-six months after initial
35 employment or self-employment, the person shall complete ninety

minutes of interactive training for mandatory reporters. However, if the person obtains subsequent employment prior to completing the interactive training, and the person's subsequent employment is substantially similar or the person has the same job responsibilities and the subsequent employer requires the person to complete two hours of training within six months of the subsequent employment pursuant to subparagraph (1), the person shall complete the interactive training between twenty-four to thirty-six months after initial employment at the subsequent employment. The person shall also complete the interactive training between twenty-four to thirty-six months after initial employment at the subsequent employment when the person obtains subsequent employment prior to completing the interactive training, and the person's subsequent employment is not substantially similar. The trainers for the interactive training for mandatory reporters shall be approved by the department of public health pursuant to section 135.11, subsection 24.

(4) The person shall complete at least two hours of additional child abuse identification and reporting training, not including the interactive training described in subparagraph (3), every five years after the date of initial employment or self-employment and every five years thereafter.

Sec. 3. Section 232.69, subsection 3, paragraph d, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2013, is amended to read as follows:

The person may complete the initial, interactive, or additional training requirements as part of any of the following that are applicable to the person:

Sec. 4. Section 232.69, subsection 3, paragraph d, subparagraph (2), Code 2013, is amended to read as follows:

(2) A training program using a curriculum approved by the ~~abuse education review panel established by the director~~ department of public health pursuant to section 135.11.

Sec. 5. Section 235B.16, subsection 5, paragraph d,

subparagraph (2), Code 2013, is amended to read as follows:

(2) A training program using a curriculum approved by the ~~abuse education review panel established by the director~~ department of public health pursuant to section 135.11.

Sec. 6. Section 235B.16, subsection 5, paragraph e, Code 2013, is amended to read as follows:

e. A person required to complete both child abuse and dependent adult abuse mandatory reporter training may complete the training through a program which combines child abuse and dependent adult abuse curricula and thereby meet the training requirements of both this subsection and section 232.69 simultaneously. A person who is a mandatory reporter for both child abuse and dependent adult abuse may satisfy the combined training requirements of this subsection and section 232.69 through completion of a ~~two-hour~~ three-hour training program, if the training program curriculum is approved by the appropriate licensing board or the ~~abuse education review panel established by the director~~ department of public health pursuant to section 135.11.

Sec. 7. RULES. The department of public health shall adopt rules to implement the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 8. APPLICABILITY.

1. The section of this Act amending section 232.69, subsection 3, paragraph "b", applies to a person required to make a child abuse report who begins initial employment or self-employment on or after July 1, 2013.

2. The section of this Act amending section 235B.16, subsection 5, paragraph "e", applies on and after July 1, 2014, to a person who is a mandatory reporter for both child abuse and dependent adult abuse and is completing a combined training program.

EXPLANATION

This bill relates to mandatory child abuse and dependent adult abuse reporter training. The bill eliminates the abuse education review panel, a panel established by the department

1 of public health. The abuse education review panel was
2 established to review and approve mandatory reporter training
3 curricula. The bill instead transfers this responsibility
4 to the department of public health and also requires the
5 department to review and approve trainers for the new
6 interactive training requirement for mandatory reporters of
7 child abuse. The bill also provides that the department of
8 public health may convene a group of stakeholders to make
9 revisions to curricula.
10 The bill adds an additional one-time training requirement
11 for mandatory reporters of child abuse. Between 24 and 36
12 months after initial employment or self-employment, a mandatory
13 reporter must complete a 90-minute interactive training. The
14 bill requires the department of public health to approve the
15 trainers for this interactive training. The other training
16 requirements for mandatory reporters of child abuse remain the
17 same under the bill.
18 The bill increases the number of hours of training for
19 persons required to report both child abuse and dependent adult
20 abuse who are completing a combined training from two hours to
21 three hours.
22 The bill states that the interactive training requirement
23 applies to mandatory reporters of child abuse who begin initial
24 employment or self-employment on or after July 1, 2013. The
25 bill also provides that the provision increasing the training
26 requirement for combined child abuse and dependent adult abuse
27 training applies on and after July 1, 2014, to those mandatory
28 reporters of both child abuse and dependent adult abuse who are
29 completing a combined training program.