

Senate File 350 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 178)

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

1 minutes of interactive training for mandatory reporters.
2 However, if the person obtains subsequent employment prior
3 to completing the interactive training, and the person's
4 subsequent employment is substantially similar or the
5 person has the same job responsibilities and the subsequent
6 employer requires the person to complete two hours of training
7 within six months of the subsequent employment pursuant to
8 subparagraph (1), the person shall complete the interactive
9 training between twenty-four to thirty-six months after initial
10 employment at the subsequent employment. The person shall
11 also complete the interactive training between twenty-four to
12 thirty-six months after initial employment at the subsequent
13 employment when the person obtains subsequent employment prior
14 to completing the interactive training, and the person's
15 subsequent employment is not substantially similar. The
16 trainers for the interactive training for mandatory reporters
17 shall be approved by the department of public health pursuant
18 to section 135.11, subsection 24.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 e. A person required to complete both child abuse and
8 dependent adult abuse mandatory reporter training may complete
9 the training through a program which combines child abuse
10 and dependent adult abuse curricula and thereby meet the
11 training requirements of both this subsection and section
12 232.69 simultaneously. A person who is a mandatory reporter
13 for both child abuse and dependent adult abuse may satisfy the
14 combined training requirements of this subsection and section
15 232.69 through completion of a two-hour training program, if
16 the training program curriculum is approved by the appropriate
17 licensing board or the ~~abuse education review panel established~~
18 ~~by the director~~ department of public health pursuant to section
19 135.11.

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

22 Sec. 8. APPLICABILITY. The section of this Act amending
23 section 232.69, subsection 3, paragraph "b", applies to a
24 person required to make a child abuse report who begins initial
25 employment or self-employment on or after July 1, 2013.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill relates to mandatory child abuse and dependent
28 adult abuse reporter training. The bill eliminates the abuse
29 education review panel, a panel established by the department
30 of public health. The abuse education review panel was
31 established to review and approve mandatory reporter training
32 curricula. The bill instead transfers this responsibility
33 to the department of public health and also requires the
34 department to review and approve trainers for the new
35 interactive training requirement for mandatory reporters of

1 child abuse. The bill also provides that the department of
2 public health may convene a group of stakeholders to make
3 revisions to curricula.

4 The bill adds an additional one-time training requirement
5 for mandatory reporters of child abuse. Between 24 and 36
6 months after initial employment or self-employment, a mandatory
7 reporter must complete a 90-minute interactive training. The
8 bill requires the department of public health to approve the
9 trainers for this interactive training. The other training
10 requirements for mandatory reporters of child abuse remain the
11 same under the bill.

12 The bill states that the interactive training requirement
13 applies to mandatory reporters of child abuse who begin initial
14 employment or self-employment on or after July 1, 2013.