

CHAPTER 91

MANDATORY CHILD ABUSE AND DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE REPORTER TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

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AN ACT relating to mandatory child abuse and dependent adult abuse reporter training requirements.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. [Section 135.11, subsection 24](#), Code 2019, is amended by striking the subsection.

Sec. 2. [Section 232.69, subsection 3](#), paragraph b, Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:

b. A person required to make a report under [subsection 1](#), other than a physician whose professional practice does not regularly involve providing primary health care to children, shall complete two hours of training relating to the identification and reporting of child abuse within six months of initial employment or self-employment involving the examination, attending, counseling, or treatment of children on a regular basis. Within one month of initial employment or self-employment, the person shall obtain a statement of the abuse reporting requirements from the person's employer or, if self-employed, from the department. The person shall complete at least two hours of additional child abuse identification and reporting training every ~~five~~ three years. If the person completes at least one hour of additional child abuse identification and reporting training prior to the three-year expiration period, the person shall be deemed in compliance with the training requirements of [this section](#) for an additional three years.

Sec. 3. [Section 232.69, subsection 3](#), paragraphs c and d, Code 2019, are amended by striking the paragraphs and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

c. The core training curriculum relating to the identification and reporting of child abuse, as provided in paragraph "b", shall be developed and provided by the department.

d. An employer of a person required to make a report under [subsection 1](#) may provide supplemental training, specific to identification and reporting of child abuse as it relates to the person's professional practice, in addition to the core training provided by the department.

Sec. 4. [Section 235B.16, subsection 5](#), paragraph b, Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:

b. A person required to report cases of dependent adult abuse pursuant to [sections 235B.3 and 235E.2](#), other than a physician whose professional practice does not regularly involve providing primary health care to adults, shall complete two hours of training relating to the identification and reporting of dependent adult abuse within six months of initial employment or self-employment which involves the examination, attending, counseling, or treatment of adults on a regular basis. Within one month of initial employment or self-employment, the person shall obtain a statement of the abuse reporting requirements from the person's employer or, if self-employed, from the department. The person shall complete at least two hours of additional dependent adult abuse identification and reporting training every ~~five~~ three years. If the person completes at least one hour of additional dependent adult abuse identification and reporting training prior to the three-year expiration period, the person shall be deemed in compliance with the training requirements of [this section](#) for an additional three years.

Sec. 5. [Section 235B.16, subsection 5](#), paragraphs c and d, Code 2019, are amended by striking the paragraphs and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

c. The core training curriculum relating to the identification and reporting of dependent adult abuse, as provided in paragraph "b", shall be developed by the department pursuant to [subsection 2](#) and provided by the department.

d. An employer of a person required to report cases of dependent adult abuse pursuant to [sections 235B.3](#) and [235E.2](#) may provide supplemental training, specific to the identification and reporting of dependent adult abuse as it relates to the person's professional practice, in addition to the core training provided by the department.

Sec. 6. [Section 235B.16, subsection 5](#), paragraph e, Code 2019, is amended by striking the paragraph.

Sec. 7. TRANSITION PROVISIONS. A child abuse or dependent adult abuse training certificate relating to the identification and reporting of child abuse or dependent adult abuse issued prior to July 1, 2019, remains effective and continues in effect as issued for the five-year period following its issuance.

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