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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the training of mandatory reporters of abuse
2 by requiring the training to address identification of
3 domestic abuse.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 232.69, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code
2 Supplement 2005, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. A person required to make a report under subsection 1,
4 other than a physician whose professional practice does not
5 regularly involve providing primary health care to children,
6 shall complete two hours of training relating to the
7 identification and reporting of child abuse within six months
8 of initial employment or self-employment involving the
9 examination, attending, counseling, or treatment of children
10 on a regular basis. Within one month of initial employment or
11 self-employment, the person shall obtain a statement of the
12 abuse reporting requirements from the person's employer or, if
13 self-employed, from the department. The person shall complete
14 at least two hours of additional child abuse identification
15 and reporting training every five years. The initial and
16 additional training shall include but is not limited to a
17 component on identification of domestic abuse.

18 Sec. 2. Section 235B.16, subsection 5, paragraph b, Code
19 2005, is amended to read as follows:

20 b. A person required to report cases of dependent adult
21 abuse pursuant to section 235B.3, other than a physician whose
22 professional practice does not regularly involve providing
23 primary health care to adults, shall complete two hours of
24 training relating to the identification and reporting of
25 dependent adult abuse within six months of initial employment
26 or self-employment which involves the examination, attending,
27 counseling, or treatment of adults on a regular basis. Within
28 one month of initial employment or self-employment, the person
29 shall obtain a statement of the abuse reporting requirements
30 from the person's employer or, if self-employed, from the
31 department. The person shall complete at least two hours of
32 additional dependent adult abuse identification and reporting
33 training every five years. The initial and additional
34 training shall include but is not limited to a component on
35 identification of domestic abuse.

EXPLANATION

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This bill relates to the training of mandatory reporters of abuse by requiring the training to address identification of domestic abuse.

Under current law in Code section 232.69, relating to reporting of child abuse, and in Code section 235B.16, relating to reporting of dependent adult abuse, a mandatory reporter of either type of abuse is required to have at least two hours of initial training and follow-up training at least every five years regarding the abuse that is required to be reported. The bill amends both of the provisions to require the initial and additional training to include a component on identification of domestic abuse.