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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Civil Law and Data Practices Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to child protection; expanding persons required to report known or
1.3 suspected child maltreatment; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 260E.06,
1.4 subdivision 1.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 260E.06, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Mandatory reporters.** (a) A person who knows or has reason to believe
1.8 a child is being maltreated, as defined in section 260E.03, or has been maltreated within
1.9 the preceding three years shall immediately report the information to the local welfare
1.10 agency, agency responsible for assessing or investigating the report, police department,
1.11 county sheriff, tribal social services agency, or tribal police department if the person is:

1.12 (1) a professional or professional's delegate who is engaged in the practice of the healing
1.13 arts, social services, hospital administration, psychological or psychiatric treatment, child
1.14 care, education, correctional supervision, probation and correctional services, or law
1.15 enforcement; ~~or~~

1.16 (2) employed as a member of the clergy and received the information while engaged in
1.17 ministerial duties, provided that a member of the clergy is not required by this subdivision
1.18 to report information that is otherwise privileged under section 595.02, subdivision 1,
1.19 paragraph (c); or

1.20 (3) an owner, administrator, or employee of a public or private youth recreation program
1.21 or other organization that provides services or activities requiring face-to-face contact with
1.22 and supervision of children. A volunteer for a public or private program or organization
1.23 under this clause whose duties require face-to-face contact with and supervision of children

2.1 is not required to report maltreatment under this section, but is encouraged to report known
2.2 or suspected maltreatment and to obtain training on identifying and reporting maltreatment.

2.3 (b) "Practice of social services" for the purposes of this subdivision includes but is not
2.4 limited to employee assistance counseling and the provision of guardian ad litem and
2.5 parenting time expeditor services.