

1 H.430

2 Introduced by Representative Fisher of Lincoln

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Human services; child welfare services; reporting abuse of children;
6 suspected child abuse and neglect; remedial action

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require
8 individuals providing child abuse education in a school to be mandatory
9 reporters of child abuse.

10 An act relating to requiring individuals providing child abuse education in a
11 school to be mandatory reporters of abuse

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 4913 is amended to read:

14 § 4913. REPORTING CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT; REMEDIAL

15 ACTION

16 (a) ~~Any physician, surgeon, osteopath, chiropractor, or physician's assistant~~
17 ~~licensed, certified, or registered under the provisions of Title 26, any resident~~
18 ~~physician, intern, or any hospital administrator in any hospital in this state,~~
19 ~~whether or not so registered, and any registered nurse, licensed practical nurse,~~
20 ~~medical examiner, emergency medical personnel as defined in 24 V.S.A.~~

1 ~~§ 2651(6), dentist, psychologist, pharmacist, any other health care provider,~~
2 ~~child care worker, school superintendent, headmaster of an approved or~~
3 ~~recognized independent school as defined in 16 V.S.A. § 11, school teacher,~~
4 ~~student teacher, school librarian, school principal, school guidance counselor,~~
5 ~~and any other individual who is employed by a school district or an approved~~
6 ~~or recognized independent school, or who is contracted and paid by a school~~
7 ~~district or an approved or recognized independent school to provide student~~
8 ~~services, mental health professional, social worker, probation officer,~~
9 ~~any employee, contractor, and grantee of the agency of human services who~~
10 ~~have contact with clients, police officer, camp owner, camp administrator,~~
11 ~~camp counselor, or member of the clergy who has reasonable cause to believe~~
12 ~~that any child has been abused or neglected shall report or cause a report to be~~
13 ~~made in accordance with the provisions of section 4914 of this title within 24~~
14 ~~hours. As used in this subsection, “camp” includes any residential or~~
15 ~~nonresidential recreational program. An individual listed in this subsection~~
16 ~~who has a reasonable cause to believe that a child has been abused or neglected~~
17 ~~shall report or cause a report to be made in accordance with the provisions of~~
18 ~~section 4914 of this title within 24 hours:~~

19 (1) A physician, surgeon, osteopath, chiropractor, or physician’s
20 assistant licensed, certified, or registered under the provisions of Title 26,
21 resident physician, intern, hospital administrator in a hospital in this state,

1 whether or not so registered, a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse,
2 medical examiner, emergency medical personnel as defined in 24 V.S.A.
3 § 2651(6), dentist, psychologist, pharmacist, and any other health care
4 provider.

5 (2) A child care worker.

6 (3) A school superintendent, headmaster of an approved or recognized
7 independent school as defined in 16 V.S.A. § 11, school teacher, student
8 teacher, school librarian, school principal, and school guidance counselor.

9 (4) An individual who is employed by a school district or an approved
10 or recognized independent school or who is contracted and paid by a school
11 district or an approved or recognized independent school to provide student
12 services.

13 (5) An individual providing child abuse education in a school.

14 (6) A crisis worker as defined in 12 V.S.A. § 1614.

15 (7) A mental health professional, social worker, probation officer, and
16 police officer.

17 (8) An employee, contractor, or grantee of the Agency of Human
18 Services who has contact with clients.

19 (9) A camp owner, camp administrator, and camp counselor. "Camp"
20 includes any residential or nonresidential recreational program.

1 (10) A member of the clergy.

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3 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.