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OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 6775

AN ACT CONCERNING MANDATED REPORTERS.

SUMMARY

This bill expands the list of mandated reporters who must report to the Department of Social Services (DSS) when they suspect that an elderly person needs protective services. The bill adds the following professions and titles to the list:

1. licensed professional counselors;
2. adult probation officers;
3. adult parole officers;
4. physician assistants;
5. dental hygienists; and
6. resident service coordinators, clinical care coordinators, and managers employed at housing authorities, or municipal developers operating elderly housing projects.

By law, mandated reporters must report to DSS within 24 hours when they have reasonable cause to suspect that an elderly person needs protective services or has been abused, neglected, exploited, or abandoned. Mandated reporters must also take a training program developed or approved by DSS within 90 days of becoming a mandatory reporter. Those who fail to report to DSS must retake the training and submit proof to DSS that they did so. Subsequent violations may additionally be subject to a fine of up to \$500.

Intentional failure to report is a class C misdemeanor for the first offense, punishable by up to three months in prison, a fine of up to \$500, or both. Subsequent offenses are a class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to 364 days in prison, a fine of up to \$2,000, or both.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2023

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 21 Nay 0 (03/21/2023)