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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Children & Family Services
(originally sponsored by Representatives O'Brien, Boldt, Kagi,
Roach and Miloscia)

Brief Description: Revising standards for reporting incidents
involving harm to vulnerable adults.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that, when there is reason to suspect that physical assault has occurred or there is reasonable cause to believe that an act has caused fear of imminent harm: (1) Mandated reporters shall immediately report to the department; and

(2) Mandated reporters shall immediately report to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Declares that a mandated reporter is not required to report to a law enforcement agency, unless requested by the injured vulnerable adult or his or her legal representative or family member, an incident of physical assault between vulnerable adults that causes minor bodily injury and does not require more than basic first aid, unless: (1) The injury appears on the back, face, head, neck, chest, breasts, groin, inner thigh, buttock, genital, or anal area;

(2) There is a fracture;

(3) There is a pattern of physical assault between the same vulnerable adults or involving the same vulnerable adults; or

(4) There is an attempt to choke a vulnerable adult.