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

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Declares that "harm" means contact between two or more vulnerable adults that results in any of the following: (1) An injury that is more than superficial and requires frequent assessment or monitoring by a licensed health care professional;

(2) A fracture, burn, deep bruise, or laceration requiring sutures; or

(3) Significant mental, emotional, or physical suffering. Harm includes the following: Sexual assault or suspected sexual assault; a pattern of or repeated assault either between the same vulnerable adults or involving the same vulnerable adult; and an attempt to choke another person.

Provides that a mandated reporter is not required to report to a law enforcement agency an incident that occurs between vulnerable adults, unless the incident results in harm or the injured vulnerable adult or his or her legal representative or interested family member requests that the mandated reporter report the incident. If a report is requested, the mandated reporter shall report the incident in accordance with the reporting requirements provided in RCW 74.34.035, and all other provisions of this chapter shall apply.