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Brief Description: Requiring clergy to report sexual abuse of a child.

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(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Provides that, when any member of the clergy has reasonable cause to believe that a child has suffered sexual abuse and the perpetrator is a member of the clergy or an employee of the church or religious organization, he or she shall report such incident, or cause a report to be made, to the proper law enforcement agency or to the department as provided in RCW 26.44.040.