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Sponsor(s): Representative Boldt

Brief Description: Ensuring reporting by clergy of sex offenses committed against children by other clergy.

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Requires that, when a member of the clergy has reasonable cause to believe that a child has suffered abuse or neglect from another member of the clergy within the same church, religious denomination, religious body, spiritual community, or sect, he or she shall report the 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.

Declares that the reporting requirement of this act does not apply to a member of the clergy with regard to information obtained solely as a result of a confession made under the clergy-penitent privilege as provided in RCW 5.60.060(3).