

# Mandatory Reporter Release

## 2024 LAW CHANGES IMPACTING CHILD AND DEPENDENT ADULT WELFARE

### THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS ARE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024:

#### **Mandatory Reporting in Schools**

##### **[HF 2487](#)** (*Iowa Code chapter 256*)

This bill modifies mandatory reporting of certain school employees to the board of educational examiners, complaints against school employees and the investigation of complaints against school employees, and the responsibilities of the Department of Education and the Board of Educational Examiners.

#### **Mandatory Reporter Training**

##### **[HF 2404](#)** (*Iowa Code sections 232.69 and 235B.16*)

This bill omits the one-hour recertification courses for both child and dependent adult abuse and requires all mandatory reporters of child and dependent adult abuse to complete, every three years, the core training curriculum provided by HHS.

#### **Access to Juvenile Court Social Records (CINA, TPR, FINA)**

##### **[HF 2404](#)** (*Iowa Code section 232.147*)

This bill requires the court to disclose records that are confidential if the records were filed in a Child In Need of Assistance (CINA), Termination of Parent-Child Relationship (TPR), or Family In Need of Assistance (FINA) proceeding to which HHS is a participant.

#### **Internal Adoption Information Sharing**

##### **[HF 2404](#)** (*Iowa Code Section 600.16A*)

This bill authorizes HHS personnel to disclose information to personnel within HHS for the purposes of ensuring continuity of the Department's services to the child.

#### **Dependent Adult Abuse Information to Tribal Courts**

##### **[HF 2404](#)** (*Iowa Code section 235B.6*)

This bill provides authorization for Tribal courts, a Tribal prosecutor, or Tribal services to access both founded and unfounded dependent adult abuse information.

## **Minor Guardianship and Conservatorship**

**[SF 295](#)** (*Iowa Code chapters 232D, 235B, 633 and conforming changes in chapters 10, 217, 231E, 252C, 282, 321, 563, 587, 595, 598, 633, 636, 638, 692A and 726*)

This bill provides for the creation, administration and termination of adult and minor guardianships and conservatorships.

## **Sexual Exploitation of a Minor**

**[SF 2243](#)** (*Iowa Code section 728.12*)

This bill amends sexual exploitation of a minor to define “visual depiction of a minor” as any visual depiction that has been created, adapted, or modified to give the appearance that an identifiable minor is engaged in a prohibited sexual act or the simulation of a prohibited sexual act; “identifiable minor” is defined as a person who was a minor at the time the visual depiction was created, adapted, or modified, or whose image as a minor was used in creating, adapting, or modifying the visual depiction and is recognizable as an actual person by the person’s face, likeness, or other distinguishing features; and to clarify that proof of the actual identify of the identifiable minor is not required.

## **Grooming**

**[HF 2602](#)** (*Iowa Code section 709.8A*)

This bill establishes a criminal offense of grooming and provides penalties.

## **Bestiality**

**[HF 2318](#)** (*Iowa Code section 717C.1*)

This bill modifies the definition of “sex act” as it relates to bestiality.

## **Boards and Commissions Review**

**[SF 2385](#)** (*Iowa Code chapter 135*)

This bill merges the Iowa child death review team and the domestic abuse death review team into one state mortality review committee, along with elimination or merger of other boards and commissions.

## **Elimination of Certain Required Reports**

**[SF 2285](#)** (*Iowa Code chapters 135, 139A, 217, 225D, 231E, 235A, 235B, and 249A*)

This bill eliminates certain required reports by and duties of HHS.

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