

**H.622 Side by Side**  
**As Passed by the House versus As Passed by the Senate**

| <b>Section</b>  | <b>Prior to Act 60 (S.9)</b>   | <b>Existing Law</b>  | <b>As Passed the House</b>  | <b>As Passed the Senate</b>   |
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| <p>Sec. 1.<br/>33 V.S.A.<br/>§ 4913(c)<br/>Mandated<br/>Reporter<br/>Statute</p>                            | <p>[A mandated reporter] who has reasonable cause to believe that any child has been abused or neglected shall report <b>or cause a report to be made</b> in accordance with the provisions of section 4914 of this title within 24 hours.</p> | <p>Any mandated reporter who reasonably suspects abuse or neglect of a child shall report in accordance with the provisions of section 4914 of this title within 24 hours of the time information regarding the suspected abuse or neglect was first received or observed.</p> | <p><i>Same as existing law, plus:</i><br/> <u>A mandated reporter who reasonably suspects abuse or neglect of a child, and who has written confirmation that the same incident of suspected abuse or neglect was already reported, is not required to report that same incident of suspected abuse or neglect if the mandated reporter is reasonably certain that there is no additional information to report.</u></p> | <p>[No change to existing law]</p>  |
| <p>Sec. 1.<br/>33 V.S.A.<br/>§ 4913(h)<br/>Mandated<br/>reporter<br/>statute:<br/>penalty<br/>provision</p> |  |  | <p>[No change to existing law]</p>  | <p>Provides an affirmative defense to a charge under 4913(c) if the reporter:<br/> (1) had written confirmation that a report had already been made, and<br/> (2) the reporter was reasonably certain that he or she had no additional information to report.<br/> Requires the prosecutor to make a “reasonable inquiry” into whether the mandated reporter could raise the affirmative defense prior to charging.</p> |

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| <p>Sec. 2.<br/>Child<br/>Protection<br/>Oversight<br/>Charge</p> | <p>NA</p> | <p>NA</p> | <p>Charges the Joint Legislative Child Protection Oversight Committee with reviewing issues related to patient privilege/confidentiality and professional conduct regulations to determine whether those obligations legally prevent certain professionals from engaging in ongoing cooperation with DCF and law enforcement in active child abuse or neglect investigations.</p> | <p>[Same as House passed version]</p> |
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