

1 S.16

2 Introduced by Senator Sears

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Human services; child welfare; mandatory reporters

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to repeal the  
7 four-pronged exception that permits clergy to not report child abuse and  
8 neglect when it is received in confidence while acting as a spiritual advisor.

9 Additionally, the bill repeals a related provision mandating the reporting of  
10 information that falls outside of the exception even though the information  
11 may have also been learned in a manner that falls within the exception.

12 An act relating to repealing the exception for clergy to report child abuse  
13 and neglect

14 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

15 Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 4913 is amended to read:

16 § 4913. REPORTING CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT; REMEDIAL  
17 ACTION

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