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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 382, L.D. 527, Bill, "An Act to Strengthen the Mandatory Child Abuse Reporting Laws"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1.

Further amend the bill in section 2 in that part designated "\$4011." in subsection 1 in the 6th line from the end (page 1, line 33 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "confessional"

Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment deletes the new definition of "sexual abuse or exploitation" because it is not needed.

This amendment deletes the word "confessional" in describing the confidential communications with clergy that are exempt from the mandatory reporting requirements. The result is to exempt all confidential communications involving clergy from the mandatory child abuse reporting requirements.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT