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Chapter No.: 105

Prime Sponsor: Laursen

Catch Title: **Prohibition of female genital mutilation.**

Subject: Prohibiting and educating about female genital mutilation.

Summary/Major Elements:

- The act defines female genital mutilation (FGM).
- The act establishes the aggravated assault and battery felony of FGM of a minor, establishes penalties and specifies disallowed defenses.
- The act establishes civil liability to recover damages for FGM.
- The act requires the Department of Health, the Attorney General's Office Division of Victim Services, or both, to develop an education, prevention and training program regarding FGM for the public, law enforcement, teachers and those who are required to report instances of FGM. Law enforcement, teachers and mandated reporters shall incorporate the training into their professional development programs.
- The act requires that a board or commission that licenses, certifies or registers a person to practice or perform a profession or occupation that heals or treats humans shall refuse to issue or shall revoke a license of any person convicted of performing FGM.

Comments:

- The occurrence of FGM is cause for a mandatory reporter to report.
- A conviction for performing FGM shall be included as a substantiated report in the child abuse central registry.

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