

ICSEW BILL ALERT

SSB 5453

Concerning female genital mutilation.



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Why does this bill matter to you?

How does it apply to state employed women.

- Establishes a civil cause of action for minor victims of female genital mutilation.
- Makes it unprofessional conduct for a health care professional to perform female genital mutilation on a minor and requires the Department of Health to establish an education program to prevent female genital mutilation.
- Includes female genital mutilation in the definition of "abuse or neglect" that must be reported by a mandatory reporter.
- Creates the crime of female genital mutilation.

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