

AB 1432 AND AB 1207: MANDATED REPORTER TRAINING REQUIREMENTS CLARIFICATION

Since 2015, California K-12 schools have been required to comply with the mandated reporter training provisions put in place through the passage of AB 1432 (Chapter 797, Statutes of 2014). That law requires schools to provide annual training to employees and persons working on their behalf who are mandated reporters under the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act (CANRA).

The legislature followed AB 1432 with AB 1207 (Chapter 414, Statutes of 2015). AB 1207 requires all licensed child day care providers, administrators, and employees of licensed child day care facilities to be trained regarding detecting and reporting child abuse and neglect. As the January 1, 2018 effective date for AB 1207 draws near, many schools and colleges are asking whether AB 1207 changes any of their child abuse and neglect training requirements.

The short answer is that it does not. K-12 schools are still subject to AB 1432, but provisions of AB 1207 apply only to “licensed child day care providers, administrators and employees of licensed child day care facilities.” K-12s, County Offices of Education, and Community Colleges that offer day care, preschool, transitional kindergarten or Head Start programs are not considered child day care facilities under the Child Day Care Act. To the extent that those schools are covered under the requirements of AB 1432, they should complete the annual training for mandated reporters. Keenan also recommends that Community College Districts also provide mandated reporter training to any personnel who come into regular contact with children under the age of 18 as part of their work.

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