

PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)
Act 368 of 1978

333.9159 Development of educational program and dissemination of information on female genital mutilation; duties of department; definitions.

Sec. 9159. (1) The department shall do both of the following:

(a) Develop and administer an educational and outreach program that, at a minimum, informs the public, including members of new immigrant populations to this state that commonly practice female genital mutilation and health care providers, of the health risks and emotional trauma inflicted by the practice of female genital mutilation and the criminal penalties for female genital mutilation. In developing the program described in this subdivision, the department shall seek input from all of the following:

(i) The general public, including individuals from communities that, as a matter of custom or ritual, traditionally practice female genital mutilation.

(ii) Women's health organizations.

(iii) Teachers.

(iv) Local health departments.

(v) Health care providers.

(vi) State agencies that the department considers relevant.

(b) Develop and disseminate information on female genital mutilation and the criminal penalties for female genital mutilation to teachers and law enforcement personnel.

(2) As used in this section:

(a) "Female genital mutilation" means the circumcision, excision, or infibulation, in whole or in part, of the labia majora, labia minora, or clitoris of a female who is under 18 years of age.

(b) "Health care provider" means both of the following:

(i) A health professional who is licensed, registered, or otherwise authorized to engage in a health profession under article 15.

(ii) A health facility or agency as that term is defined in section 20106.

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