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Senators Campbell and Flory move that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, 33 V.S.A. § 4913, in subsection (c), by striking out the second sentence.

Second: In Sec. 1, 33 V.S.A. § 4913, in subsection (h), by adding a subdivision (4) as follows:

(4) It shall be an affirmative defense to a charge under subsection (c) of this section that the mandated reporter did not report in accordance with subsection (c) because the person had written confirmation that the same incident of suspected abuse or neglect was already reported and the mandated reporter was reasonably certain that he or she had no additional information to report. The burden shall be on the defendant to prove the affirmative defense by a preponderance of the evidence. The affirmative defense shall not apply to a person who violates subsection (c) of this section with the intent to conceal abuse or neglect of a child.