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S.F. No. 1182 – Prenatal Controlled Substance Use Reporting (1st Engrossment)

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Under current law, a mandated reporter is required to report to the local welfare agency if the person knows or has reason to believe that a woman is pregnant and has used a controlled substance for a nonmedical purpose during the pregnancy. Current law provides a limited exception to the requirement to report for a woman's use of tetrahydrocannabinol or alcoholic beverages during the pregnancy if the mandated reporter is a health care professional or social service professional providing the woman with prenatal care or other health care services.

S.F. 1182 expands the exception by removing the specific reference to a woman's use of tetrahydrocannabinol or alcoholic beverages. This bill provides that a health care professional or social service professional is not required to report the use of a controlled substance under the general mandated reporter requirement if the professional is providing, or collaborating with other professionals to provide, the woman with prenatal care, postpartum care, or other health services, including the care of the woman's infant. The professional is required to report to the local welfare agency if the woman does not continue to receive regular prenatal or postpartum care and the professional has made attempts to contact the woman.