

## **Instructions for Accessing State Laws Regarding Mandatory Reporting**

- A. Go to this webpage: [https://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/laws\\_policies/state/](https://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/laws_policies/state/)
- B. Under “1. Select a State”, select the US state in which you reside. (If you work in a state different from the state in which you reside, you will have to do TWO separate searches)
- C. Under “2. Select a topic,” select the following THREE options under “Child Abuse and Neglect”
  - 1. Clergy as Mandatory Reporters of Child Abuse and Neglect
  - 2. Making and Screening Reports of Child Abuse and Neglect
  - 3. Mandatory Reporters of Child Abuse and Neglect
- D. Under “3. Begin Your Search,” click “Go”

The information returned will explain the state law (if state law addresses these issues) on clergy as “mandatory reporters,” privileged communications with clergy, to whom a report must be made and within what time period a report must be made.