

## CHILD INVESTIGATION PROTOCOL

### Senate Bill 503 (Substitute H-3) Addendum to SFA analysis (12-2-97)

**Sponsor: Sen. Jon Cisky**  
**Senate Committee: Families, Mental  
Health and Human Services**  
**House Committee: Human Services and  
Children**

### **ADDENDUM TO SENATE FISCAL AGENCY ANALYSIS OF SB 503 DATED 5-16-97:**

The Senate Fiscal Agency Analysis reflects the bill as passed by the Senate.

#### ***HOUSE COMMITTEE ACTION:***

The House Human Services and Children Committee adopted Substitute H-3 for Senate Bill 503. The primary provisions of the substitute bill are as follows:

Currently, the Child Protection Law specifies that, when investigating suspected reports of child abuse or neglect, the Family Independence Agency (FIA) and the prosecuting attorney must develop and establish procedures in each county for involving law enforcement officials. The bill, as passed by the Senate, would delete this provision. The House committee substitute would reinstate it.

The bill, as passed by the Senate, also would specify that the FIA and other agencies adopt a model protocol. The House committee substitute would identify the model protocol as that published in DSS Publication 794 (8-93).

The bill, as passed by the Senate, would specify that, during cooperation between the FIA and schools and other institutions in an investigation of suspected child abuse or neglect, the question of whether access to a child could be allowed without parental consent would be determined by the FIA. The House committee substitute would delete this provision.

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