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Senate Bill 1410 (Substitute S-1 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)

Sponsor: Senator Bill Hardiman

Committee: Families and Human Services

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Child Protection Law (CPL) to require the Department of Human Services (DHS) and a local law enforcement agency to notify each other within 24 hours after receiving certain reports indicating that abuse or neglect was the cause of death of a child, or other allegations involving abuse, neglect, or sexual abuse or exploitation of a child.

The CPL requires the DHS to notify the prosecuting attorney or to commence an investigation within 24 hours after it receives a report indicating that certain violations involving methamphetamine have occurred, or that a child has been exposed to or has had contact with methamphetamine production, or if an investigation indicates that the suspected abuse or neglect was committed by a person who was not responsible for the child's health or welfare.

Under the bill, the DHS would have to notify the local law enforcement agency within 24 hours in those cases, as well as the prosecuting attorney. The bill also would require notification within 24 hours if a report indicated that abuse or neglect was the suspected cause of a child's death, the child was the victim of suspected sexual abuse or exploitation, or the child was the victim of abuse or neglect resulting in severe physical injury that required medical treatment or hospitalization.

The CPL also requires law enforcement agencies to notify the DHS or to commence an investigation within 24 hours after receiving certain reports from the DHS or from others. The bill would include in those provisions a report indicating that abuse or neglect was the suspected cause of a child's death, the child was the victim of suspected sexual abuse or exploitation, or the child was the victim of abuse or neglect resulting in severe physical injury that required medical treatment or hospitalization.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on the Department of Human Services. The expeditiousness of reporting would increase administrative costs, but at this time the extent cannot be determined. Public Act 345 of 2006, Section 1004 appropriates funds for five additional high risk investigators, which would offset additional administrative costs.

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the Department of State Police.

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