

## CHILD FATALITY REVIEW

### Senate Bill 504 (Substitute H-3) Addendum to SFA analysis (12-2-97)

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

### **ADDENDUM TO SENATE FISCAL AGENCY ANALYSIS OF SB 504 DATED 5-21-97:**

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 504. The primary provisions of the substitute bill are as follows:

The bill, as passed by the Senate, specified that by January 1, 1999, each county would have to have in place a standing child fatality review team, and that the membership of a child fatality review team would have to include the Children's Ombudsman, or his or her designee. The House committee substitute would delete the Children's Ombudsman from membership in the team. The House committee substitute would also delete a provision in the Senate-passed bill requiring that each county notify the Children's Ombudsman's Office when a child fatality review team investigated child fatalities in a county, and that the review team report its findings to the FIA and the Children's Ombudsman. The bill, as passed by the Senate, also specifies that information obtained by a review team must be confidential and disclosed only to the FIA, the Children's Ombudsman, the office of a team member, or to another child fatality review team. The House committee substitute would specify, instead, that the information could be disclosed only to the FIA, the county prosecutor's office, local law enforcement, or another review team.

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