

Legislative Analysis



CHILD PROTECTION LAW: INVESTIGATION CHECKLIST

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Senate Bill 1421

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A SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 1421 AS PASSED BY THE SENATE 9-16-08

The bill would amend the Child Protection Law by adding Section 8e to require the Department of Human Services to implement an investigation checklist to be used in each investigation of suspected abuse and neglect handled by the department across the state.

An investigation could not be closed until the checklist was completed. Under the bill, a supervisor would be required to review the completed checklist. If the supervisor determined that the investigation complied with state law and department policy, the investigation could be closed.

If the supervisor determined that the investigation did not comply with either state law or department policy, he or she would have to determine the reason that state law or policy was not followed. An investigation that fell under this provision could not be closed until after the local office director had reviewed the investigation.

The bill would take effect October 1, 2008.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill could create a minor administrative cost to the Department of Human Services associated with changing their standard abuse and neglect investigation checklist found in CFP 713-1.

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