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Senate Bill 1421 (Substitute S-1 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)
Sponsor: Senator Roger Kahn, M.D.
Committee: Families and Human Services

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Child Protection Law to require the Department of Human Services (DHS) to implement an investigation checklist to be used in each investigation of suspected abuse and neglect.

The DHS would have to require the checklist to be used in investigations of abuse and neglect handled by the Department across the State. An investigation could not be closed until the checklist was completed, subject to the following provisions.

The bill would require a supervisor to review the completed checklist. If the supervisor determined that the investigation complied with State law and DHS policy, the investigation could be closed.

If the supervisor determined that the investigation did not comply with either State law or DHS 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.

Proposed MCL 722.628e

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill could create a minor administrative cost to the Department associated with creating and implementing the use of a standard checklist for the investigation of suspected abuse and neglect.

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