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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 312, L.D. 495, “An Act Regarding Investigations of Out-of-home Child Abuse and Neglect”

Amend the bill in section 4 in sub-c. 18 in §4099-L in subsection 2 by inserting after paragraph A the following:

'B. The investigation team's investigation of a report with a high severity allegation with respect to a child in a residential care facility must be initiated within 3 business days of the date of the receipt of the report. If the investigation team cannot initiate its investigation within 3 business days, the investigation team shall request a safety plan from the facility.'

Amend the bill in section 4 in sub-c. 18 in §4099-L in subsection 2 by relettering the paragraphs to read alphabetically.

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

The bill removes the requirement in current law that the child care facility investigation team in the Department of Health and Human Services must initiate an investigation of a report within 3 business days of receipt if the report alleges jeopardy to a child in a residential care facility. This amendment maintains the 3-day requirement but instead provides that it applies to a report that contains a high severity allegation with respect to a child in a residential care facility.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT