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Senate Bill 258 (as introduced 2-18-09)
Sponsor: Senator Bill Hardiman
Committee: Families and Human Services

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Child Protection Law to provide that if a child died while under the family court's jurisdiction under Section 2(b) of the juvenile code, the Department of Human Services (DHS) immediately would have to notify the court that had jurisdiction over the child, the Children's Ombudsman, and the Legislature and follow up with written notification within 24 hours after the DHS was made aware of the child's death.

(Section 2(b) grants the family division of circuit court (family court) jurisdiction in proceedings involving a juvenile under the age of 18 whose parent or legal guardian neglects to provide proper or necessary support, education, medical, surgical or other necessary care; who is subject to a substantial risk of harm to his or her mental well-being; who is abandoned by his or her parents or guardian; or who is without proper custody or guardianship. The court also has jurisdiction over a juvenile whose home or environment is an unfit place to live in because of a parent's or guardian's neglect, cruelty, drunkenness, criminality, or depravity; or whose parent has substantially failed, without good cause, to comply with a limited guardianship plan or a court-structured plan.)

Proposed MCL 722.627k

Legislative Analyst: Curtis Walker

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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