

Legislative Analysis



STANDARD CHILD ABUSE AND CHILD NEGLECT INVESTIGATION AND INTERVIEW PROTOCOLS

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House Bill 4707 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Frank Liberati
Committee: Families, Children and Seniors
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4707 would amend section 8 of the Child Protection Law (CPL) to require the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to conduct an annual review in each county to determine whether the county has adopted and implemented the standard child abuse and child neglect investigation and interview protocols required to be implemented under the act. The department would have to report its findings to the legislature and to the Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect. The department would have to annually review and report in each county until each county had adopted and implemented the protocols. Thereafter, in each county, the department would have to review and report once every five years.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4707 would have a moderate fiscal impact on DHHS and a minimum fiscal impact on local units of government. The bill would require DHHS to conduct an annual review in each county of the standard child abuse and child neglect investigation and interview protocols and produce a report. According to the department, conducting this annual review would require an additional department staff member as well as other resources. DHHS estimates the additional cost for 1.0 FTE position, materials, travel expenses, and the development of a tracking system to be approximately \$260,000.

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