

**Senate File 2416 - Enrolled**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED WITH A CHILD SUBSEQUENT TO A  
REPORT OF CHILD ABUSE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 232.68, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code  
2026, is amended to read as follows:

a. (1) "Interview" means either of the following:

(a) A verbal exchange between the child protection worker and  
the child for the purpose of developing information necessary to  
protect the child.

(b) A verbal exchange between a forensic interviewer at a  
child protection center or a child advocacy center and the child  
for the purpose of developing information necessary to protect  
the child.

(2) A child protection worker or a forensic interviewer at  
a child protection center or a child advocacy center is not  
precluded from recording visible evidence of abuse.

Sec. 2. Section 232.71B, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code  
2026, is amended to read as follows:

b. If a report is determined not to constitute a child abuse  
allegation or if the child abuse report is accepted but assessed  
under the family assessment, but a criminal act harming a child  
is alleged, the department shall immediately refer the matter  
to the appropriate law enforcement agency. If a child abuse  
allegation is referred to law enforcement and the child's parent,  
legal guardian, or legal custodian does not give permission to  
enter the child's home, to interview the child, or to observe

the child, the court or district court upon a showing of probable cause may authorize entry into the child's home, an interview with the child, or observation of the child.

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AMY SINCLAIR  
President of the Senate

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PAT GRASSLEY  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 2416, Ninety-first General Assembly.

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W. CHARLES SMITHSON  
Secretary of the Senate

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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KIM REYNOLDS  
Governor

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