



STATE OF IOWA
KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR

April 09, 2026

The Honorable Paul Pate
Secretary of State of Iowa
State Capitol
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I hereby transmit:

Senate File 2416, an Act relating to interviews conducted with a child subsequent to a report of child abuse.

The above Senate File is hereby approved on this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Reynolds".

Kim Reynolds
Governor of Iowa

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Clerk of the House



Senate File 2416

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.

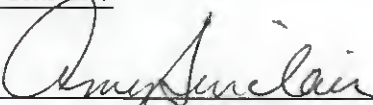
(b) A verbal exchange between a forensic interviewer at a child protection center or a child advocacy center and the child for the purpose of developing information necessary to protect the child.

(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.

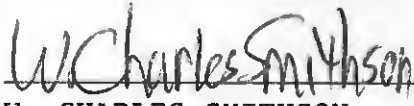


AMY SINCLAIR
President of the Senate



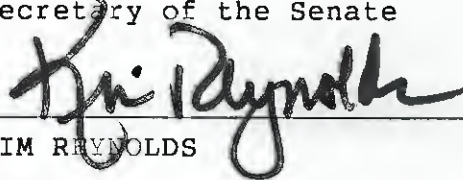
PAT GRASSLEY
Speaker of the House

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



W. CHARLES SMITHSON
Secretary of the Senate

Approved April 9th, 2026



KIM REYNOLDS
Governor