

Senate Study Bill 62

Conference Committee Text

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1 1 Section 1. Section 235B.6, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code
1 2 1995, is amended to read as follows:

1 3 b. A person involved in an investigation of dependent
1 4 adult abuse including all of the following:

1 5 (1) A health practitioner or mental health professional
1 6 who is examining, attending, or treating an adult whom such
1 7 practitioner or professional believes or has reason to believe
1 8 has been the victim of abuse or to a health practitioner or
1 9 mental health professional whose consultation with respect to
1 10 an adult believed to have been the victim of abuse is
1 11 requested by the department.

1 12 (2) An employee or agent of the department responsible for
1 13 the investigation of a dependent adult abuse report.

1 14 (3) A representative of the department involved in the
1 15 certification or accreditation of an agency or program
1 16 providing care or services to a dependent adult believed to
1 17 have been a victim of abuse.

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~~(4)~~ A law enforcement officer responsible for
1 19 assisting in an investigation of a dependent adult abuse
1 20 allegation.
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~~(5)~~ A multidisciplinary team, if the department of
1 22 human services approves the composition of the
1 23 multidisciplinary team and determines that access to the team
1 24 is necessary to assist the department in the investigation,
1 25 diagnosis, assessment, and disposition of a case of dependent
1 26 adult abuse.
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~~(6)~~ The mandatory reporter who reported the dependent
1 28 adult abuse in an individual case.

1 29 EXPLANATION

1 30 This bill adds to the list of persons with access to
1 31 dependent adult abuse information, those who are involved in
1 32 an investigation of dependent adult abuse and who are
1 33 department representatives involved with the certification or
1 34 accreditation of an agency or program providing care or
1 35 services to a dependent adult believed to have been a victim
2 1 of abuse.

2 2 BACKGROUND STATEMENT

2 3 SUBMITTED BY THE AGENCY

2 4 Iowa Code section 235B.6, subsection 2, paragraph "b",
2 5 describes individuals, agencies, and other entities in the
2 6 investigation of a report of dependent adult abuse who are
2 7 authorized access to adult abuse investigation information and
2 8 reports. The department of human services proposes adding
2 9 department representatives involved with the certification or
2 10 accreditation of agencies or programs to the list. Situations
2 11 arise when department staff performing quality assurance
2 12 activity are investigating the same situation or situations

2 13 being investigated by adult abuse staff. It is important that
2 14 there be free exchange of information among these personnel.
2 15 Current Code language does not specifically allow for this
2 16 exchange.
2 17 LSB 1296DP 76
2 18 pf/sc/14.1