

House Study Bill 596

Bill Text

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1 1 Section 1. Section 232.71B, subsection 3, as enacted by
1 2 1997 Iowa Acts, chapter 35, section 6, is amended to read as
1 3 follows:

1 4 3. INVOLVEMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT. The department shall
1 5 apply a protocol, developed with representatives of law
1 6 enforcement agencies at the local level, to work jointly with
1 7 law enforcement agencies in performing assessment and
1 8 investigative processes for child abuse reports in which a
1 9 criminal act harming a child is alleged. The department shall
1 10 apply a similar protocol, developed with authorities of
1 11 federal military installations, for child abuse reports which
1 12 allege involvement of federal military installation personnel.
1 13 The county attorney and appropriate law enforcement agencies
1 14 shall also take any other lawful action which may be necessary
1 15 or advisable for the protection of the child. If a report is
1 16 determined not to constitute a child abuse allegation, but a
1 17 criminal act harming a child is alleged, the department shall
1 18 immediately refer the matter to the appropriate law
1 19 enforcement agency or authorities of a federal military
1 20 installation.

1 21 Sec. 2. Section 232.71B, subsection 7, paragraph a, as
1 22 enacted by 1997 Iowa Acts, chapter 35, section 6, is amended
1 23 to read as follows:

1 24 a. The department may request information and cooperation
1 25 from any person believed to have knowledge of a child abuse
1 26 case, including but not limited to the authorities of a
1 27 federal military installation. The county attorney, any law
1 28 enforcement or social services agency in the state, and any
1 29 mandatory reporter, whether or not the reporter made the
1 30 specific child abuse report, shall cooperate and assist in the
1 31 assessment upon the request of the department.

1 32 Sec. 3. Section [232.72](#), Code 1997, is amended by adding
1 33 the following new unnumbered paragraph:

1 34 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. If a child abuse report is made
1 35 concerning a child residing on a federal military
2 1 installation, the department's local office located nearest to
2 2 the installation shall be responsible for responding to the
2 3 report. The local office shall respond in conjunction with a
2 4 federal military installation authority.

2 5 Sec. 4. Section [235A.15](#), subsection 2, paragraph b,
2 6 subparagraph (3), Code Supplement 1997, as amended by 1997
2 7 Iowa Acts, chapter 176, section 33, is amended to read as
2 8 follows:

2 9 (3) To a law enforcement officer or to the authorities of
2 10 a federal military installation responsible for assisting in
2 11 an assessment of a child abuse allegation or for the temporary
2 12 emergency removal of a child from the child's home.

2 13 Sec. 5. Section [235A.15](#), subsection 2, paragraph e,
2 14 subparagraph (4), Code Supplement 1997, is amended to read as
2 15 follows:

2 16 (4) To a legally constituted child protection agency of
2 17 another state or to a federal military installation authority
2 18 which is investigating or assessing or treating a child named
2 19 in a report as having been abused or which is investigating or
2 20 assessing or treating a person named as having abused a child.

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EXPLANATION

2 22 This bill relates to child protection by providing for
2 23 involvement of federal military installation authorities with
2 24 child abuse assessments.

2 25 Iowa Code section 232.71B, which becomes effective July 1,
2 26 1998, and which provides for child abuse assessments by the
2 27 department of human services, is amended to require that the
2 28 department apply a protocol for working with federal military
2 29 installation authorities on child abuse reports involving
2 30 federal military installation personnel. This section is also
2 31 amended to authorize the department to request information
2 32 from federal military installation personnel believed to have
2 33 knowledge of a child abuse case.

2 34 Iowa Code section 232.72 is amended to provide that if a
2 35 child abuse report is made concerning a child residing on a
3 1 federal military installation, the department's local office
3 2 located nearest to the installation is responsible for
3 3 responding to the report. The local office is to respond in
3 4 conjunction with a federal military installation authority.

3 5 Iowa Code section 235A.15, relating to access to child
3 6 abuse information, is amended to provide access to a federal
3 7 military installation authority assisting in an assessment or
3 8 investigation of a child abuse allegation.

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