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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3167)

(As Amended and Passed by the Senate March 4, 2026)

**A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act relating to interviews conducted with a child subsequent
- 2 to a report of child abuse.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 232.68, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code  
2 2026, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

14 Sec. 2. Section 232.71B, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code  
15 2026, is amended to read as follows:

16 b. If a report is determined not to constitute a child  
17 abuse allegation or if the child abuse report is accepted  
18 but assessed under the family assessment, but a criminal act  
19 harming a child is alleged, the department shall immediately  
20 refer the matter to the appropriate law enforcement agency. If  
21 a child abuse allegation is referred to law enforcement and the  
22 child's parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian does not  
23 give permission to enter the child's home, to interview the  
24 child, or to observe the child, the court or district court  
25 upon a showing of probable cause may authorize entry into the  
26 child's home, an interview with the child, or observation of  
27 the child.