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MEMO

FROM: Sally Titus, Deputy Director
TO: Members of the General Assembly
DATE: January 6, 2017
RE: Child Fatality Public Disclosure

This proposal is to amend current provisions of Iowa Code section 235A.15 to align Iowa's public disclosure laws pertaining to child fatalities and near fatalities to align with federal law.

The Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act reauthorized in 2010 required States to have provisions which allow for public disclosure of the findings or information about the case of child abuse or neglect which has resulted in child fatality or near fatality. The U. S. Health and Human Services has since updated the Child Welfare Policy Manual to provide further clarification as to what those provisions must include.

The request is to extend the Code provision to include the requirements not already captured in Iowa's public disclosure laws pertaining to child fatalities and near fatalities.

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