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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to cases of child abuse that are determined to be  
2 confirmed or founded by requiring the county attorney to be  
3 notified of the determination.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 232.71D, Code Supplement 2005, is  
2 amended by adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. If the department performs a child  
4 abuse assessment of a report of child abuse in accordance with  
5 section 232.71B and determines the alleged child abuse meets a  
6 definition of child abuse under section 232.68, as described  
7 in subsection 2 or 3 of this section, the department's  
8 determination shall be reported to the appropriate county  
9 attorney.

10 EXPLANATION

11 This bill relates to cases of child abuse that are  
12 determined to be confirmed or founded by requiring the county  
13 attorney to be notified of the determination by the department  
14 of human services.

15 Code section 232.71D, relating to founded child abuse and  
16 the central child abuse registry, is amended. The amendment  
17 provides that if the department has performed an assessment of  
18 a report of child abuse and determines that the alleged abuse  
19 meets one of the definitions of child abuse, the department is  
20 required to notify the appropriate county of the  
21 determination.

22 Under Code section 232.71D, subsection 2, if a case of  
23 child abuse meets the definition of child abuse but the  
24 department determines the injury or risk of harm to the child  
25 was minor and isolated and is unlikely to reoccur, commonly  
26 referred to as "confirmed" child abuse, the child abuse  
27 information is not placed on the central child abuse registry.  
28 Otherwise, Code section 232.71D, subsection 3, provides that  
29 cases of child abuse that meet one of the definitions of child  
30 abuse listed in that subsection are required to be placed on  
31 the central child abuse registry. Current law under Code  
32 section 235A.15 authorizes the county attorney to have access  
33 to the child abuse information under either scenario.

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