SB 804 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies child abuse reporting requirements to require Department of Human Services (DHS) or designee of DHS to notify law enforcement agency within county where abuse allegedly occurred when report is received and remove requirement that DHS make such notification within county where report was made. Directs DHS to adopt rules requiring certain notifications to law enforcement agencies of child abuse reports to be made within five days after receipt. Removes requirement that DHS balance need for providing other entities with information contained in child abuse report with resources required to make notification.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-3 Modifies child abuse reporting requirements to require DHS or designee of DHS to notify law enforcement agency within county where alleged child abuse occurred, within county where the child resides, or within county where report came into contact with child or alleged perpetrator of abuse. Removes requirement that DHS make such notification within county where report was made. Requires law enforcement agencies to make such notification to DHS by making report to child abuse reporting hotline.

REVENUE: No revenue impact.

FISCAL: No fiscal impact.

BACKGROUND: