HB 3195 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Early Childhood and Behavioral Health

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure removes the \$300,000 limit on the maximum amount that a Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) can receive from the CAC One-Time Grant Fund and extends the deadline for the Department of Justice to award and distribute available grant funds from June 2025 to September 2025. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

Fiscal impact: No fiscal impact

Revenue impact: No revenue impact

House Vote: Ayes, 46; Nays, 1; Excused, 13

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 1579 (2024) directed the Department of Justice to administer the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) One-Time Grant Fund, a noncompetitive grant program that intends to expand access to services provided by children's advocacy centers. Current law limits the total grant amount to \$300,000 per center, including funding distributed to healthcare providers or medical facilities connected with a center.

House Bill 3195 A removes the funding limit and extends the deadline for the department to award their grants from June 2025 to September 2025.