

HB 3195 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Patterson

Senate Committee On Early Childhood and Behavioral Health

Action Date: 04/22/25

Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.

Vote: 4-0-1-0

Yeas: 4 - Anderson, Linthicum, Patterson, Reynolds

Exc: 1 - Gorsek

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/17, 4/22

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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impact of existing limit.
- Competitive grant process.

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 non-competitive grant program 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 for 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.