



## Open Government Impact Statement

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## Measure: HB 4059

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### SUMMARY

Digest: The Act changes what "threatened harm" means when talking about hurting a child. It says that DHS can only look into some reports of child abuse. It also makes a rule for how certain reports of child abuse are resolved. It is an emergency law and starts right away. (Flesch Readability Score: 78.7).

Modifies the definition of "threatened harm" for purposes of determining whether a child has been abused.

Limits the investigative jurisdiction of the Department of Human Services to investigate certain reports of child abuse.

Creates a statutory substantiation standard for certain reports of alleged child abuse.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

## **NOTICE OF NO OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT**