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House Bill 4731 (Substitute S-1 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)

Sponsor: Representative James Ryan House Committee: Human Services

Senate Committee: Families, Mental Health and Human Services

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Child Protection Law to allow a county medical examiner or deputy county medical examiner appointed under Public Act 181 of 1953 to have access to records from the central registry of child abuse and neglect reports maintained by the Department of Social Services, for the purpose of carrying out his or her duties under Public Act 181.

The bill also would extend access to the records to child fatality review teams authorized by the Department of Social Services (DSS) to investigate and review child deaths. The Department could not authorize a child fatality review team to investigate and review a child death unless the team's membership comprised at least all of the following:

- -- A county medical examiner or deputy county medical examiner.
- -- A representative of a local law enforcement agency.
- -- A representative of the DSS.
- -- The county prosecuting attorney or his or her designee.
- -- A representative of the Department of Public Health or a local health department.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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