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CHILD PROTECTION REGISTRY

House Bill 6034

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 6034 AS INTRODUCED 9-15-98

Under the Child Protection Law, the Family Independence Agency must maintain a central registry of abuse and neglect cases. The reports in the registry are confidential, available only to certain individuals who are involved in the investigation of a crime, such as law enforcement or child protective agency employees, physicians, or the children's ombudsman. If an investigation of a report fails to disclose evidence of abuse or neglect, evidence in the report that identifies the subject must be expunged from the registry. However, if evidence of abuse or neglect exists, the law specifies that information identifying the subject (i.e., the person suspected of child abuse or neglect) is not expunged until the child alleged to have been abused or neglected reaches the age of 18, or ten years after the report is received, whichever occurs later. House Bill 6034 would amend the statute to specify, instead, that the identifying information would be maintained (indefinitely) in the central registry if evidence of abuse or neglect existed.

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