

# NOTIFY CIS IN CERTAIN CHILD ABUSE ALLEGATIONS



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FISCAL ANALYSIS

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## HOUSE BILL 5372 SUBSTITUTE H-2

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## SUMMARY

HB 5372 would amend the Child Protection Law by requiring the Family Independence Agency (FIA) to transmit copies of written reports or subsequent investigations of suspected child abuse or neglect that FIA believes have basis in fact and involve child care providers to the Department of Consumer and Industry Services (DCIS). Local law enforcement agencies would also be required to transmit information under similar circumstances to DCIS. The legislation also requires prosecuting attorneys to provide notification to DCIS for individuals providing child care who are bound over to the circuit court for specified crimes. Finally, the legislation would add DCIS to the list of agencies with authority to receive related confidential reports and documents from FIA.

HB 5372 would have an indeterminate state and local fiscal impact. Each of the departments and agencies involved would have additional administrative costs related to the tracking and transmission of required documents and the DCIS would be required to handle the collection of the forwarded documents.