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Senate Bill 1412 (Substitute S-1 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)

Sponsor: Senator Alan Sanborn

Committee: Families and Human Services

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Child Protection Law (CPL) to permit the Department of Human Services (DHS) to report certain information on perpetrators of child abuse or neglect contained in the central registry to the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services.

The CPL requires the DHS to maintain a statewide, electronic central registry, which is used to keep a record of all reports filed with the Department in which relevant and accurate evidence of child abuse or neglect is found to exist.

The central registry is a confidential record available only to certain governmental agencies, law enforcement agencies, courts, child care organizations, and authorized individuals. The bill would add the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services to the people who have access to the registry, for the purpose of meeting the requirements of Section 633 of the Federal Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006.

(Section 633 of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to create a national registry of substantiated cases of child abuse or neglect. The registry must collect information reported to states, Indian tribes, and subdivisions of states on perpetrators of a substantiated case of child abuse or neglect. The information must contain case-specific identifying information that is limited to the name of the perpetrator and the nature of the child abuse or neglect.)

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on State government. The transmission of confidential data would require administrative costs for DHS data management and oversight, and information technology systems development. It is not known what the actual development and operations costs would be at this time.

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