CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT SUMMARY

Measure CCS for HB 3135

Principal Authors: Speaker Steele

Senator Treat

General Subject Matter: Children

General Description of <u>Major Differences</u> between the current report and the version last seen and voted on in the House and the sections in which such differences are located:

√ Changes from engrossed House measure which were made in the Senate and contained in conference committee report/substitute (applies *only* to House measures):

None

√ Changes made in conference:

Section 2. Requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to conduct a child abuse or neglect investigation upon receiving a report of the death or near death of a child resulting from suspected abuse or neglect and produce a report within 45 days. If the department has reasonable cause to believe that a child death or near death is the result of abuse or neglect, the department must notify the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the initial investigative findings of the investigation. Requires DHS to release certain information within five business days of the death or near death of a child and directs that additional information be released upon a determination by the department that a child's death or near death was caused by abuse or neglect.

If a child death or near death occurs while the child is in the custody of DHS, and the person responsible for the custodial care of the child was the alleged perpetrator, the department is to release certain specified information pertinent to that incident.

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