

COMPARISON CHART FOR CHANGES IN MADE IN STATUTE WITH CSSB 171 (JUD)

MULTIDISCIPLINARY CHILD PROTECTION TEAMS EXISTING LAW	MULTIDISCIPLINARY CHILD PROTECTION TEAMS SENATE BILL 171
	To the extent feasible:
*Office of Children's Services staff	*OCS employee with expertise in child abuse and neglect
*A peace office as defined in AS 11.81.899	*A peace office as defined in AS 11.81.900
*Staff members of a CAC if center is located in area	*One or more members of local CAC if one is nearby
	*A medical care provider with training in child abuse assessment
*Mental & physical health practioners licensed under AS 07	*A counselor, social worker, psychologist, or physician who specializes in mental health care, licenses under AS 08. & has knowledge of child abuse dynamics
	*A prosecutor of child abuse cases or a designee of a prosecutor of child abuse cases
	*A victim advocate with knowledge of child abuse dynamics
	Others by consensus:
*Child development specialist	*Child development specialist
*Educators	* Educators
*Victim counselors defined in AS 18.66.249	*Victim counselors defined in AS 18.66.250
*Experts in assessment & treatment of substance abuse	*Experts in assessment & treatment of substance abuse
*Representatives of district attorney and AG offices	*An attorney who specializes in child protection in the AG's office
* Personns familiar with 25 U.S.C. 1901-1963 - ICWA	*Representative of an Indian tribe defined by ICWA-appointed by tribe
*Guardians as litem	*Guardians as litem
	*Representative of Juvenile Justice
Existing Statute appears to designate only OCS as able to create a multidisciplinary child protection team even though OCS is not always involved in a child protection case.	SB 171 expands the authority to creat a multidisciplinary child protection team to <i>other investigating agencies</i> such as a law enforcement agency, a tribal court, a tribe ICWA worker, or a CAC.
Has no requirements for meeting of the teams other than they are exempt from the Open Meetings Act.	Requires multidisciplinary teams to meet at least once a month and continues to exempt them from the Open Meetings Act.