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SECTIONAL

CSSB 171(JUD) Multidisciplinary Child Protection Teams (MDT)

Section 1. Current interpretation of this statute is the Office of Children's Services must establish a MDT, even though in many cases OCS is not involved with a child abuse case that involves sexual abuse. This section expands the ability to recruit a MDT to assist law enforcement in criminal investigations that involve an alleged crime against a child.

Sec. 2. This section was modified to clarify who is usually part of the MDT team and lists who can be invited to be on the MDT permanently or as needed for the particular matter in an investigation.

We have added a representative of an Indian tribe is applicable; not just someone familiar with ICWA as was the old language and have included in the list of invitees a representative from Division of Juvenile Justice.

Sec. 3. This section was modified to clarify other members of the MDT can refer cases to the MDT, not just OCS. It also updates the statute to provide that confidential records in a CINA case shall be provided to members of the MDT.

Sec. 4. Mandates monthly meetings.

Sec. 5. Cleanup language to clarify the goal is to avoid duplicative interviews.

Sec. 6. Clarifies investigations and interviews can be conducted by investigative agencies other than OCS.