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S.F. No. 2459

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
03/10/2016	4944	Introduction and first reading Referred to Judiciary
03/17/2016	5126	Withdrawn and re-referred to Health, Human Services and Housing
03/23/2016	5213a	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Judiciary
03/29/2016	5326	Withdrawn
	5326	Second reading
04/26/2016	6483	Special Order
	6483	Third reading Passed

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A bill for an act

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relating to child protection; providing for children's advocacy center membership

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on multidisciplinary child protection teams; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014,

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section 626.558, subdivisions 1, 2, by adding a subdivision.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 626.558, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

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Subdivision 1. **Establishment of team.** A county shall establish a multidisciplinary

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child protection team that may include, but not be limited to, the director of the local

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welfare agency or designees, the county attorney or designees, the county sheriff or

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designees, representatives of health and education, representatives of mental health or

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other appropriate human service or community-based agencies, and parent groups. As

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used in this section, a "community-based agency" may include, but is not limited to,

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schools, social service agencies, family service and mental health collaboratives, children's

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advocacy centers, early childhood and family education programs, Head Start, or other

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agencies serving children and families. A member of the team must be designated as the

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lead person of the team responsible for the planning process to develop standards for its

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activities with battered women's and domestic abuse programs and services.

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Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 626.558, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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Subd. 2. **Duties of team.** A multidisciplinary child protection team may provide

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public and professional education, develop resources for prevention, intervention, and

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treatment, and provide case consultation to the local welfare agency or other interested

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community-based agencies. The community-based agencies may request case consultation

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from the multidisciplinary child protection team regarding a child or family for whom the

2.1 community-based agency is providing services. As used in this section, "case consultation"
2.2 means a case review process in which recommendations are made concerning services to
2.3 be provided to the identified children and family. Case consultation may be performed by
2.4 a committee or subcommittee of members representing human services, including mental
2.5 health and chemical dependency; law enforcement, including probation and parole; the
2.6 county attorney; a children's advocacy center; health care; education; community-based
2.7 agencies and other necessary agencies; and persons directly involved in an individual case
2.8 as designated by other members performing case consultation.

2.9 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 626.558, is amended by adding a subdivision
2.10 to read:

2.11 Subd. 4. **Children's advocacy center; definition.** (a) For purposes of this section,
2.12 "children's advocacy center" means an organization, using a multidisciplinary team
2.13 approach, whose primary purpose is to provide children who have been the victims of
2.14 abuse and their nonoffending family members with:

2.15 (1) support and advocacy;
2.16 (2) specialized medical evaluation;
2.17 (3) trauma-focused mental health services; and
2.18 (4) forensic interviews.

2.19 (b) Children's advocacy centers provide multidisciplinary case review and the
2.20 tracking and monitoring of case progress.