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H. F. No. 3824

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Children and Families Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to child protection; adding requirements for reporting when a peace officer
1.3 takes a child into immediate custody; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections
1.4 256M.80, subdivision 1; 257.0725; 260C.175, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256M.80, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. County evaluation. Each county shall submit to the commissioner data
1.8 from the past calendar year on the outcomes and performance indicators in the service plan.
1.9 For each removal of a child by a peace officer under section 260C.175, subdivision 1, clause
1.10 (2), each county shall submit information to the commissioner identifying the law
1.11 enforcement agency that removed the child, the address and setting where the removal
1.12 occurred, and the date and time of the removal. The commissioner shall prescribe standard
1.13 methods to be used by the counties in providing the data. The data shall be submitted no
1.14 later than March 1 of each year.

1.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 257.0725, is amended to read:

1.16 257.0725 ANNUAL REPORT.

1.17 (a) The commissioner of human services shall publish an annual report on child
1.18 maltreatment and on children in out-of-home placement. The commissioner shall confer
1.19 with counties, child welfare organizations, child advocacy organizations, the courts, and
1.20 other groups on how to improve the content and utility of the department's annual report.
1.21 In regard to child maltreatment, the report shall include the number and kinds of maltreatment
1.22 reports received and any other data that the commissioner determines is appropriate to

2.1 include in a report on child maltreatment. For each removal of a child by a peace officer
2.2 under section 260C.175, subdivision 1, clause (2), the report shall include information
2.3 identifying the law enforcement agency that removed the child, the address and setting
2.4 where the removal occurred, and the date and time of the removal. In regard to children in
2.5 out-of-home placement, the report shall include, by county and statewide, information on
2.6 legal status, living arrangement, age, sex, race, accumulated length of time in placement,
2.7 reason for most recent placement, race of family with whom placed, school enrollments
2.8 within seven days of placement pursuant to section 120A.21, and other information deemed
2.9 appropriate on all children in out-of-home placement. Out-of-home placement includes
2.10 placement in any facility by an authorized child-placing agency.

2.11 (b) This section expires January 1, 2032.

2.12 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 260C.175, is amended by adding a subdivision
2.13 to read:

2.14 Subd. 2a. **Notice to commissioner of human services.** If a peace officer takes a child
2.15 into immediate custody for relative placement or shelter care pursuant to subdivision 1,
2.16 clause (2), the responsible social services agency must notify the commissioner of human
2.17 services within seven days of the date that the child was taken into immediate custody. The
2.18 notice given by the responsible social services agency must identify the law enforcement
2.19 agency that took the child into immediate custody, the address and setting where the removal
2.20 into immediate custody occurred, and the date and time of the removal into immediate
2.21 custody.