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Analysis Senate Bill 27, P.N. 686

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Overview

Amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations) and provides for the exchange of information.

Summary

Amends the Child Protective Services Law by allowing for the exchange of information in suspected child abuse cases between licensed medical practitioners and county agencies.

- Licensed medical practitioners must provide the county agency with the following information regarding a case of suspected child abuse:
 - Relevant medical information regarding the child's prior and current health.
 - Information from a subsequent examination.
 - Information regarding treatment of the child.
 - Relevant medical information regarding any other child in the child's household.
- Parental consent is not required for the licensed medical practitioner to provide the information.
- A county agency must provide the following information upon request by a licensed medical practitioner:
 - Information regard the condition and well-being of the child and the progress and outcome of an investigation.
 - Protective services records regarding the child and any other child in the household if the information relates to the medical evaluation of the child.
 - The identity of other licensed medical practitioners providing care to the child in order to obtain the child's medical records.

- When beginning an assessment, investigation or services, the county agency must notify the child's primary care provider and any other licensed medical practitioner who is providing ongoing care of the following:
 - The reason for the assessment, investigation or provision of protective services to the child.
 - A service plan developed for the child and the child's family.

Effective Date

60 days