

CCS HCS SCS#2 SB 155 -- PROTECTION OF ABUSED CHILDREN

This bill changes the laws regarding the protection of abused children.

CHILD PROTECTION

A minor who has abused another child is prohibited from returning to any residence within 1,000 feet of the abused child's home, child care facility, or school until the abused child reaches 18 years of age. This prohibition does not apply when the alleged abuse occurred between siblings.

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REPORTS

The Children's Division of the Department of Social Services is required to expunge identifying information from child abuse and neglect reports by mandatory and all other reporters that has been found to be malicious, for purposes of harassment or retaliation, within 45 days after the conclusion of the investigation.

Reports containing insufficient evidence of abuse or neglect by mandatory reporters will be retained for a period of five years from the conclusion of the investigation. For all other reporters, the division is required to retain identifying information for a period of two years from the conclusion of the investigation.