

House \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Offered By \_\_\_\_\_

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 468, Page 36, Section 204.610, Line 36,  
2 by inserting after said section and line the following:

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4 "210.192. 1. The prosecuting attorney or the circuit attorney shall impanel a child fatality  
5 review panel for the county or city not within a county in which he or she serves to investigate the  
6 deaths of children under the age of eighteen years, who are eligible to receive a certificate of live  
7 birth. The panel shall be formed and shall operate according to the rules, guidelines and protocols  
8 provided by the department of social services.

9 2. The panel shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

- 10 (1) The prosecuting or circuit attorney;  
11 (2) The coroner or medical examiner for the county or city not within a county;  
12 (3) Law enforcement personnel in the county or city not within a county;  
13 (4) A representative from the children's division;  
14 (5) A provider of public health care services;  
15 (6) A representative of the juvenile court;  
16 (7) A provider of emergency medical services.

17 3. The prosecuting or circuit attorney shall organize the panel and shall call the first  
18 organizational meeting of the panel. The panel shall elect a chairman who shall convene the panel  
19 to meet to review all deaths of children under the age of eighteen years, who are eligible to receive a  
20 certificate of live birth, which meet guidelines for review as set forth by the department of social  
21 services. In addition, the panel may review at its own discretion any child death reported to it by the  
22 medical examiner or coroner, even if it does not meet criteria for review as set forth by the  
23 department. The panel shall issue a final report, which shall be a public record, of each  
24 investigation to the department of social services, state technical assistance team and to the director  
25 of the department of health and senior services. The final report shall include a completed summary  
26 report form. The form shall be developed by the director of the department of social services in  
27 consultation with the director of the department of health and senior services. ~~[The department of~~  
28 ~~health and senior services shall analyze the child fatality review panel reports and periodically~~  
29 ~~prepare epidemiological reports which describe the incidence, causes, location and other factors~~  
30 ~~pertaining to childhood deaths.]~~ The department of health and senior services and department of  
31 social services shall make recommendations and develop programs to prevent childhood injuries  
32 and deaths.

33 4. The child fatality review panel shall enjoy such official immunity as exists at common  
34 law.

35 210.194. 1. The director of the department of social services, in consultation with the  
36 director of the department of health and senior services, shall promulgate rules, guidelines and

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1 protocols for child fatality review panels established pursuant to section 210.192 and for state child  
2 fatality review panels.

3 2. The director shall promulgate guidelines and protocols for coroner and medical  
4 examiners to use to help them to identify suspicious deaths of children under the age of eighteen  
5 years, who are eligible to receive a certificate of live birth.

6 3. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated under the authority of sections 210.192 to  
7 210.196 shall become effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to the provisions of section  
8 536.024.

9 4. All meetings conducted~~[, all reports and records]~~ and work product, including internal  
10 memoranda, summaries or minutes of meetings, and written, audio, or electronic records and  
11 communications, made and maintained pursuant to sections 210.192 to 210.196 by the department  
12 of social services and department of health and senior services and its divisions, including the state  
13 technical assistance team, or other appropriate persons, officials, or state child fatality review panel  
14 and local child fatality review panel shall be confidential ~~[and shall not be open to the general public~~  
15 except for the annual report pursuant to section 210.195], unless otherwise provided in this  
16 subsection, section 210.150, section 210.195, or section 660.520. The state technical assistance  
17 team shall make nonidentifiable, aggregate data on child fatalities publicly available. Identifiable  
18 data shall be released at the discretion of the director of the department of social services, except for  
19 any data that was obtained only from birth or death certificate records provided by the department of  
20 health and senior services. In those cases, the release of identifiable data shall be at the discretion of  
21 the state registrar.

22 210.195. 1. The director of the department of social services shall establish a special team  
23 which shall:

24 (1) Develop and implement protocols for the evaluation and review of child fatalities;

25 (2) Provide training, expertise and assistance to county child fatality review panels for the  
26 review of child fatalities;

27 (3) When required and unanimously requested by the county fatality review panel, assist in  
28 the review and prosecution of specific child fatalities; and

29 (4) The special team may be known as the department of social services, state technical  
30 assistance team.

31 2. The director of the department of social services shall appoint regional coordinators to  
32 serve as resources to child fatality review panels established pursuant to section 210.192.

33 3. The director of the department of social services shall appoint a state child fatality review  
34 panel which shall meet at least biannually to provide oversight and make recommendations to the  
35 department of social services, state technical assistance team. The department of social services,  
36 state technical assistance team shall gather data from local child fatality review panels to identify  
37 systemic problems and shall submit findings and recommendations to the director of the department  
38 of social services, the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the president pro  
39 tempore of the senate, the children's services commission, juvenile officers, and the chairman of the  
40 local child fatality review panel, at least once a year, on ways to prevent further child abuse and  
41 injury deaths. The report shall include a summary of compliance with the provisions of sections  
42 210.192 to 210.196 for each county or city not within a county."; and

44 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references  
45 accordingly.  
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