

1.1 Kotyza-Witthuhn and West from the Committee on Children and Families Finance and
1.2 Policy to which was referred:

1.3 H. F. No. 4408, A bill for an act relating to children and families; requiring public
1.4 disclosure of information related to child fatalities and near fatalities; modifying requirements
1.5 for the child mortality review panel annual report; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024,
1.6 sections 260E.35, subdivision 7; 260E.39, subdivisions 4, 6.

1.7 Reported the same back with the following amendments:

1.8 Page 2, after line 32, insert:

1.9 "Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 260E.39, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.10 Subd. 2. **Local child mortality review teams.** (a) Each county shall establish a
1.11 multidisciplinary local child mortality review team and shall participate in local critical
1.12 incident reviews that are based on safety science principles to support a culture of learning.
1.13 The local welfare agency's child protection team may serve as the local review team. The
1.14 local review team shall include but not be limited to professionals with knowledge of the
1.15 critical incident being reviewed and, if the critical incident being reviewed involved an
1.16 Indian child as defined in section 260.755, subdivision 8, at least one representative from
1.17 the child's Tribe.

1.18 (b) The local review team shall conduct reviews of critical incidents jointly with the
1.19 child mortality review panel or as otherwise required under subdivision 4, paragraph (c).

1.20 (c) As part of a local critical incident review, the local review team must interview the
1.21 caseworker or caseworkers assigned to the case being reviewed and must document each
1.22 interview conducted. An employer of a caseworker interviewed under this paragraph must
1.23 not retaliate against the caseworker for participating in an interview, or cooperating or
1.24 assisting with a local critical incident review, because of the caseworker's participation in,
1.25 or cooperation or assistance with, the local critical incident review."

1.26 Renumber the sections in sequence

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- Amend the title as follows:
- 2.2
- Page 1, line 3, delete "the"
- 2.3
- Page 1, line 4, after "panel" insert "investigations and"
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- Correct the title numbers accordingly
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- With the recommendation that when so amended the bill be re-referred to the Committee
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- on Ways and Means.

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This Committee action taken March 17, 2026

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