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Section

- 1** **Investigation.** Requires the court to order a chemical use screen when a child is found to be delinquent. (Current law requires the court to order a mental health screen upon a finding of delinquency.) If the screening indicates a need for a chemical use assessment, the local social services agency, in consultation with the family, shall have the assessment conducted.

- 2** **Detention.** Provides that if a child is detained for an alleged delinquent act, the supervisor of the detention facility shall have a chemical use screen conducted, if the child's parent or legal guardian consents. This provision does not apply if a screening has been performed within the previous 180 days or if the child is under the care of a licensed counselor. Provides that the screening may only be conducted after the initial detention hearing, when the court has ordered continued detention.