

Subject Child welfare response to child sex trafficking and sexual exploitation of children

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Overview

This bill modifies provisions related to child protection, child sex trafficking, and sexual exploitation of children, by adding a noncaregiver sex trafficking assessment to the possible child welfare responses and requiring additional training.

Summary

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| 1 | Agency and court notice to tribes.
Amends § 260.761, subd. 2. Updates cross-reference; adds noncaregiver sex trafficking assessment to list of types of actions about which the local social service agency must notify an Indian child's tribe. |
| 2 | Egregious harm.
Amends § 260C.007, subd. 14. Adds sex trafficking to definition of egregious harm. |
| 3 | Sexually exploited youth.
Amends § 260C.007, subd. 31. Adds reference to federal sex trafficking statute to definition of sexually exploited youth. |
| 4 | Public policy.
Amends § 626.556, subd. 1. Adds that a noncaregiver sex trafficking assessment must be provided when a report alleges sex trafficking by a noncaregiver sex trafficker. |

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5	<p>Definitions.</p> <p>Amends § 626.556, subd. 2. Adds definitions of “noncaregiver sex trafficker” and “noncaregiver sex trafficking assessment.” Specifies that an investigation is not required when a report involves sex trafficking by a noncaregiver sex trafficker. Adds “noncaregiver sex trafficking assessments” to types of actions for which social service agency employees must consider culturally-accepted child-rearing practices.</p>
6	<p>Agency responsible for assessing or investigations reports of sexual abuse.</p> <p>Amends § 626.556, subd. 3e. Adds “assessing” for when a child is identified as a sex trafficking victim.</p>
7	<p>Report; information provided to parent; reporter.</p> <p>Amends § 626.556, subd. 7. Adds noncaregiver sex trafficking assessment to list of actions for which a social service agency may consider past reports.</p>
8	<p>Duties of local welfare agency and local law enforcement agency upon receipt of report; mandatory notification between police or sheriff and agency.</p> <p>Amends § 626.556, subd. 10. Adds new noncaregiver sex trafficking assessment throughout section, as an action the local social service agency must take upon receiving a maltreatment report alleging sex trafficking when the alleged offender is a noncaregiver sex trafficker.</p> <p>Requires an investigation to begin immediately if the agency determines, in the course of an assessment, that the caregiver is an alleged offender. Specifies that there is no requirement to inform or interview the alleged offender in noncaregiver sex trafficking assessments.</p> <p>Makes additional clarifying changes.</p>
9	<p>Determination.</p> <p>Amends § 626.556, subd. 10e. Adds noncaregiver sex trafficking assessment throughout section outlining child welfare response determinations. Makes additional clarifying changes.</p>
10	<p>Notice of determinations.</p> <p>Amends § 626.556, subd. 10f. Adds noncaregiver sex trafficking assessment to required notice of maltreatment determinations to a child’s parents or guardians.</p>
11	<p>Administrative reconsideration; review panel.</p> <p>Amends § 626.556, subd. 10i. Adds noncaregiver sex trafficking assessment as an action for which administrative reconsideration is not applicable.</p>

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12	Release of certain assessment or investigative records to other counties. Amends § 626.556, subd. 10k. Makes clarifying change; adds noncaregiver sex trafficking assessment to records that may be shared between local social service agencies.
13	Documentation. Amends § 626.556, subd. 10l. Adds noncaregiver sex trafficking assessment to documentation requirements for closed cases.
14	Provision of child protective services; consultation with county attorney. Amends § 626.556, subd. 10m. Adds noncaregiver sex trafficking assessment to list for determining the appropriateness of a petition alleging that a child is in need of protection or services.
15	Welfare, court services agency, and school records maintained. Amends § 626.556, subd. 11c. Adds noncaregiver sex trafficking assessment to provision relating to records retention.
16	Establishment of team. Amends § 626.558, subd. 1. Adds representatives of agencies providing specialized services or response for youth who experience sex trafficking or sexual exploitation to multidisciplinary child protection team members.
17	Sex trafficking and sexual exploitation training requirement. Amends § 626.559 by adding subd. 1c. Adds sex trafficking and sexual exploitation training requirement for all child protection workers and social services staff with child protective duties.



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