

Subject Child mortality review modifications

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Overview

In 2024, the legislature made significant modifications to the process for reviewing child fatalities and near fatalities (“critical incidents”) caused by maltreatment or suspected maltreatment, and the state child mortality review panel’s duties, which became effective on July 1, 2025. This bill requires expanded public disclosure of findings and information related to child fatalities and near fatalities caused by maltreatment or criminal conduct and modifies critical incident review report requirements.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Disclosure to public.</p> <p>Amends § 260E.35, subd. 7. Requires the Department of Children, Youth, and Families to make findings and information disclosed to the public related to child fatalities and near fatalities available on the department’s website. Removes the language requiring disclosure upon request, so that all child fatality and near fatality findings and information must be disclosed. Requires all information listed to be included in the department’s written summary.</p> <p>Adds paragraph (c), requiring the department to make joint or local review team reports provided to the child mortality review panel and the commissioner publicly available on the department’s website within 60 days of receiving the report.</p> <p>Modifies data privacy requirements to clarify and align with requirements in section 260E.39.</p> <p>Removes paragraph (d), due to the removal of request provision.</p> |
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2	<p>Critical incident review process.</p> <p>Amends § 260E.39, subd. 4. Requires a local review team to provide its report to the commissioner of children, youth, and families, in addition to the child mortality review panel.</p>
3	<p>Child mortality review panel; annual report.</p> <p>Amends § 260E.39, subd. 6. Adds paragraph (b), requiring the commissioner’s child mortality review panel annual report published on or before December 15, 2027, to include an analysis of de-identified aggregate data on critical incidents from 2022 to 2024, and identify trends and recommendations.</p>



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