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BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 394

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 8, after “investigators;” insert “requiring the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to orally report certain findings and deliver a copy of a certain autopsy report to certain agencies if a case involves the death of a child in certain circumstances;”; in line 22, after “5-306(b)(1),” insert “5-309(f).”

On page 2, in line 27, after “(VIII)” insert “1”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, after line 3, insert:

“5-309.

(f) (1) If the case involves the unexpected death of a child, the medical examiner shall notify the chairperson of the local child fatality review team for the county in which the child resided.

(2) IF THE CASE INVOLVES THE DEATH OF A CHILD AND THE DEATH IS BELIEVED TO BE CAUSED BY ABUSE OR NEGLECT, OR THERE IS EVIDENCE SUGGESTING THAT THE CHILD WAS A VICTIM OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT, THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER SHALL ORALLY REPORT THE FINDINGS AND DELIVER A COPY OF THE CHILD’S FINAL AUTOPSY REPORT TO THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE CHILD LAST RESIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 5-704 OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE.”