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BY: Senator Carozza
(To be offered in the Judicial Proceedings Committee)

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 13
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 2, in line 21, after “WITH” insert “AT LEAST ONE OF”.

On page 3, in line 13, strike “AND” and substitute “OR”.

On pages 3 through 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 22 on page 3 through line 21 on page 5, inclusive, and substitute:

“(I) THE IMPACT OF ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES, TRAUMA, COMPLEX TRAUMA, AND CHRONIC STRESS ON A CHILD’S BRAIN DEVELOPMENT AND THE WAYS THAT A CHILD’S RESPONSE TO TRAUMA VARIES;

“(II) THE PROCESS FOR INVESTIGATING A REPORT OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE OR CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, INCLUDING:

1. THE ROLE OF CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS AND FORENSIC INTERVIEWS;

2. THE ROLE OF LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN INVESTIGATING REPORTS OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE AND CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE; AND

3. THE LIMITATIONS OF THE INVESTIGATION PROCESS, INCLUDING THAT CHILD ABUSE AND CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE MAY HAVE OCCURRED EVEN WITHOUT AN INDICATED FINDING OF ABUSE, PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF ABUSE, OR A VERBAL DISCLOSURE OF ABUSE BY THE CHILD;

(III) THE DYNAMICS AND EFFECTS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, INCLUDING GROOMING BEHAVIORS AND THE DISCLOSURE OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE;

(IV) THE DYNAMICS AND EFFECTS OF PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL CHILD ABUSE;

(V) THE DYNAMICS AND EFFECTS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, INCLUDING COERCIVE CONTROL, AND THAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CAN OCCUR WITH A PARTY SEEKING OR OBTAINING A PROTECTIVE ORDER OR WITHOUT DOCUMENTED EVIDENCE OF ABUSE;

(VI) THE IMPACT OF EXPOSURE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ON CHILDREN AND THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSIDERING THE IMPACT OF EXPOSURE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ON CHILDREN WHEN MAKING CHILD CUSTODY AND VISITATION DECISIONS;

(VII) THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF EXPLICIT AND IMPLICIT BIAS ON CHILD CUSTODY DECISIONS;

(VIII) BEST PRACTICES TO ENSURE THAT REASONABLE AND FEASIBLE PROTECTIVE MEASURES ARE TAKEN TO REDUCE THE RISK OF TRAUMATIZING OR RETRAUMATIZING A CHILD THROUGH THE COURT PROCESS, INCLUDING AVAILABLE METHODS FOR OBTAINING RELEVANT INFORMATION WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF REPEATED, DETAILED TESTIMONY FROM THE CHILD;

(IX) AVAILABLE PROTECTIONS FOR FAMILIES, INCLUDING THE SEALING OF RECORDS;

(X) THE BENEFITS AND LIMITATIONS OF SEXUAL OFFENDER EVALUATIONS AND RISK ASSESSMENTS;

(XI) THE TOOLS A COURT CAN USE TO ASSESS THE CREDIBILITY OF A CHILD WITNESS;

(XII) STANDARDS FOR THE KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE, AND QUALIFICATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE EVALUATORS AND TREATMENT PROVIDERS; AND

(XIII) ANY OTHER RELEVANT SUBJECT MATTER.”.