

BY: House Judiciary Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 692
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 5, strike “refer for” and substitute “discuss with a child and the child’s parent or guardian certain information regarding”; in line 6, after “screening” insert “of”; in line 7, after “complaint;” insert “requiring that a screening be conducted by a certain person; requiring an intake officer to document whether the parent or guardian of a certain child made an appointment for a certain mental health or substance abuse screening;”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 8 down through “determination” in line 10 and substitute “prohibiting the Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene from disclosing certain information regarding certain mental health and substance abuse screenings and assessments of certain children; authorizing the Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to make public certain information under certain circumstances”; and strike beginning with “making” in line 11 down through “term;” in line 12.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 6, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, in line 31, strike “WITHIN 5 WORKING DAYS” and substitute “AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND IN NO EVENT LATER THAN 25 DAYS”; in line 32, strike “REFER” and substitute “DISCUSS WITH THE CHILD WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF A COMPLAINT AND THE CHILD’S PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION REGARDING A REFERRAL”; in line 33, strike the first “A” and substitute “OF THE”; in the same line, strike “WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF A COMPLAINT”; in line 34, strike “REQUIRED” and substitute “AUTHORIZED”; and in line 35, after “BY” insert “A PERSON WHO:

1. HAS BEEN SELECTED BY THE CHILD’S PARENT OR

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GUARDIAN;

2. HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE CHILD’S HEALTH INSURANCE CARRIER; AND

3. IS”.

On page 4, in lines 1 and 3, strike “1.” and “2.”, respectively, and substitute “A.” and “B.”, respectively; after line 4, insert:

“(III) WITHIN 15 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE DISCUSSION WITH THE CHILD AND THE CHILD’S PARENT OR GUARDIAN, THE INTAKE OFFICER SHALL DOCUMENT WHETHER THE CHILD’S PARENT OR GUARDIAN MADE AN APPOINTMENT FOR A MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SCREENING OF THE CHILD WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF A COMPLAINT.”;

in line 5, strike “REQUIRED” and substitute “AUTHORIZED”; and strike beginning with “IF” in line 12 down through “SECTION” in line 15 and substitute “THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE:

(I) MAY NOT DISCLOSE TO ANY PERSON ANY INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENTS RELATING TO A SPECIFIC MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SCREENING OR ASSESSMENT CONDUCTED UNDER THIS SECTION THAT COULD IDENTIFY THE CHILD WHO WAS THE SUBJECT OF THE SCREENING OR ASSESSMENT; AND

(II) MAY MAKE PUBLIC OTHER INFORMATION UNLESS PROHIBITED BY LAW”.