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POSITION: Support

The Maryland State's Attorney's Association (MSAA) supports SB 267.

Under current law, a local department of social services must notify a County State's Attorney of both an initial preliminary investigation and a completed investigation of any allegation of suspected child abuse or neglect. Many of these preliminary findings are closed out by a local department of social services without the necessity of any further action. This means, as a practical effect, a local State's Attorney receives copious duplicitous reports which is inefficient and ineffectual.

SB 267 eliminates the initial notification requirement by a local department of social services, but preserves the obligation to forward a completed investigation. The completed investigation constitutes the only report required by a local State's Attorney for action, if necessary.

For these reasons the MSAA requests a favorable report on SB 267.

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