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Bill Summary

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Overview

Clarifies that the education department is authorized to investigate certain reports of child maltreatment.

Section

- 1** **Persons mandated to report.** Requires a person who is mandated to report physical or sexual child abuse or neglect within a facility or school to report the information to the agency responsible for assessing or investigating the report if the facility is not licensed by the human services commissioner.
- 2** **Department of Education responsible for assessing or investigating reports of maltreatment.** Makes the education department responsible for assessing or investigating allegations of child maltreatment in schools unless the alleged maltreatment occurs in a program or facility licensed by the human services commissioner. Defines school to include programs that are located in or operated by a school.
- 3** **Local welfare agency, Department of Human Services or Department of Health responsible for assessing or investigating reports of maltreatment.** Makes the county local welfare agency responsible for assessing or investigating allegations of maltreatment that are not the responsibility of another agency to assess or investigate.