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Bill Number:	S. 243	Introduced on January 12, 2021
Author:	Young	
Subject:	Unfounded Child Abuse	
Requestor:	Senate Family and Veterans Services	
RFA Analyst(s):	Payne	
Impact Date:	April 2, 2021	

Fiscal Impact Summary

Authorization to disclose information on child abuse or neglect cases and investigations, which result in child fatalities or near fatalities, would not materially alter the Department of Social Services' oversight or administrative activities. Therefore, the bill would not have an expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill authorizes the Department of Social Services (DSS) to disclose specific information about unfounded cases of child abuse or neglect that resulted in a child fatality or near fatality. Similar release authorization is provided to DSS for information entered into the Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect on the results of investigations concerning fatalities or near fatalities of children.

DSS indicates they currently report child fatalities, and that reporting near fatalities will not materially alter their expenses since the underlying infrastructure is already in place. The bill amends requirements on the release of information by DSS, which will not materially or fiscally alter the department's oversight or administrative activities. Therefore, the bill would not have an expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

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