

Department of Planning and Budget 2024 Session Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** SB12-E

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Favola

3. **Committee:** Engrossed

4. **Title:** Children's advocacy centers; definitions, investigations by local departments of social services.

5. **Summary:** Replaces the term "child advocacy center" with "children's advocacy center" and defines such term. The bill provides that if during the course of an investigation of child abuse by a local department of social services a local multidisciplinary team determines that an interview of the child by a children's advocacy center is needed and such interview cannot be completed within the jurisdiction within 14 days, the local department of social services may facilitate the interview with another children's advocacy center located in another jurisdiction. The bill also provides that if it is determined during a human trafficking assessment that a forensic interview of the child is needed, such interview may be conducted by a children's advocacy center within the jurisdiction; however, if the interview cannot be completed within 14 days, the forensic interview may be conducted by a children's advocacy center located in another jurisdiction.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

7. **No fiscal impact.**

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill clarifies existing code and definitions and extends the use of interviews at a child advocacy center (CAC) to include human trafficking assessments. The bill also allows another local CAC to complete the forensic interview if an interview with the jurisdiction cannot be completed in 14 days. The amended bill removes the allowance for "another trained child forensic interviewer" to do the interview. This legislation has no fiscal impact on the Department of Social Services or local departments of social services.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Social Services, local departments of social services

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.