

Committee on Children JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-5152

Title: AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S HEALTH.

Vote Date: 3/10/2022

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date: 2/22/2022

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Committee on Children.

REASONS FOR BILL:

H.B. 5152 serves to direct the Commissioner of Public Health to conduct a study to determine whether policy and procedural changes within the DPH may improve the health of children.

The substitute language for this bill sets a three-year statute of limitations for prosecution of failure to report, allowing time for those responsible for children's wellbeing to be held accountable for negligence in this respect and incentivizing proper reporting.

This language adjusts who will be considered mandated reporters to include individuals who are volunteer camp directors to encompass more people who are in leadership positions over children. This section also clarifies that individuals who are 18 years of age or older as mandated reporters, so that minors under 18 years of age are not expected or required to be mandated reporters.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

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