

5409-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Long, Thibaudeau, Kohl, Wojahn, Kline and Winsley; by request of Governor Lowry)

Brief Title: Modifying child death review.

**SB 5409-S - DIGEST**

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/15/97)

Authorizes the department of health, in conjunction with the department of social and health services to: (1) Consolidate and integrate all child death review activities;

(2) review all sudden, unexpected deaths of children from birth through seventeen years of age;

(3) develop protocols for consistency regarding child death scene investigation and review processes;

(4) collect and analyze standard data, including the development of a centralized child death data base;

(5) report strategies to reduce the incidence of unexpected child death;

(6) provide technical assistance and training to state and local child death review teams; and

(7) consider and incorporate, as appropriate, recommendations of state and local teams into agency operating procedures.

Provides that the state child death review team will coordinate and monitor the activities of local child death review teams.

Declares that records compiled and used by local and state child death review teams are not subject to public disclosure.

Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.