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By Representative Nealey

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 On page 2, beginning on line 3, after "~~such~~))." strike all material through "prevail" on line 6 and insert "When the child's physical or mental health is jeopardized, or the safety of the child conflicts with the legal rights of a parent, custodian, or guardian, the health and safety interests of the child should prevail"

 On page 3, line 1, after "paramount" strike "duty" and insert "concern"

 On page 3, line 3, after "child's" insert "health and safety"

 On page 3, line 4, after "conflicting" insert "legal"

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|  |  EFFECT:   Revises the intent language added to the child abuse statute to state that when the child's physical or mental health is jeopardized, or the safety of the child conflicts with a parent's legal interests, the health and safety interests of the child should prevail. Replaces a reference to the Department's "paramount duty" with a reference to the Department's "paramount concern" to protect a child's health and safety and clarifies that it is the child's health and safety interests that prevail over conflicting legal interests of a parent.  |

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