

SB 5315-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Requires a court that orders that a child be placed with a caregiver over the objections of the parent or the department of social and health services, to articulate, on the record, his or her reasons for ordering the placement.

Requires the department of social and health services to:

(1) When a parent or sibling has been identified as a suspect in an active criminal investigation for a violent crime that, if the allegations are true, would impact the safety of the child, make a concerted effort to consult with the assigned law enforcement officer in the criminal case before recommending any changes in parent/child or child/sibling contact;

(2) Include in its policies and protocols concerning visitation for dependent children, consultation with the assigned law enforcement officer in the event the parent or sibling of the child is identified as a suspect in an active criminal investigation for a violent crime that, if the allegations are true, would impact the safety of the child; and

(3) In the event a judge orders a parent to undergo a psychosexual evaluation and subject to the approval of the court, reassess visitation duration, supervision, and location, if appropriate.

Requires a law enforcement officer, if he or she has information pertaining to a criminal case that may have serious implications for child safety or well-being, to provide the information to the department of social and health services during the consultation.

Provides ongoing domestic violence training and consultation to caseworkers.