

Subject Child welfare investigations; appeal of commissioner decisions

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Overview

This bill makes changes to child welfare investigations and the appeal of agency decisions as they relate to maltreatment that occurred in another state.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Judicial review. Clarifies how to appeal an agency decision to the district court when the maltreatment occurred in another state.
2	Sexual abuse. Clarifies that the local welfare agency is the one responsible for investigating maltreatment including sexual abuse that occurred in another state when the victim was a resident of Minnesota.
3	Neglect, physical abuse, or labor trafficking. Removes the requirement that an investigation into child maltreatment, including physical abuse or neglect, has to happen immediately, and clarifies that an investigation does have to happen for a child that is a resident of the state even if the abuse occurred outside the state when the perpetrator is a parent, guardian, or member of the family unit.