

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. _____

Offered by _____ of _____

Amend SS/HCS/House Bill No. 1877, Page 6, Section 210.118, Line 17,

of said page, by inserting after all of said line the following:

"210.146. 1. Upon receipt of a report of child abuse or neglect concerning a child three years of age or younger and the children's division's determination that such report merits an investigation, such investigation shall include an evaluation of the child by a SAFE CARE provider, as defined in section 334.950, or a review of the child's case file and photographs of the child's injuries by a SAFE CARE provider.

2. When a SAFE CARE provider makes a diagnosis that a child three years of age or younger has been subjected to physical abuse, including but not limited to symptoms indicative of abusive bruising, fractures, burns, abdominal injuries, or head trauma, and reports such diagnosis to the children's division, the division shall immediately submit a referral to the juvenile officer. The referral shall include the division's recommendations to the juvenile officer regarding the care, safety, and placement of the child and the reasons for those recommendations.

210.180. Each employee of the division who is responsible for the investigation or family assessment of reports of

1 suspected child abuse or neglect shall receive not less than
2 forty hours of preservice training on the identification and
3 treatment of child abuse and neglect. In addition to such
4 preservice training such employee shall also receive not less
5 than twenty hours of in-service training each year on the subject
6 of the identification and treatment of child abuse and neglect.
7 Such annual training shall include at least four hours of medical
8 forensics relating to child abuse and neglect as approved by the
9 SAFE CARE network described in section 334.950."; and

10 Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.