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Bill Number:	S. 0612	Introduced on March 8, 2023
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Subject:	Child Welfare	
Requestor:	Senate Family and Veterans Services	
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Impact Date:	March 27, 2023	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill specifies that the timeframes for child welfare intervention do not impact or remove jurisdiction or authority from the court or the Department of Social Services (DSS), and the failure or inability to meet timeframes shall not constitute grounds for dismissal of any judicial or administrative proceeding brought pursuant to Chapter 7, Title 63. Additionally, this bill provides guidelines for investigation and reporting in the case of a report of suspected child abuse or neglect. Further, this bill requires DSS to begin an appropriate and thorough investigation of all reports of suspected child abuse or neglect that do not meet certain criteria within two business days of receiving the report to determine whether the report should be indicated or unfounded.

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Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

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State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

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