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**To:** Ways and Means Full Committee

**From:** Human Services Subcommittee

**Re:** SB 942 Relating to child safety

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**Senator Winters:** "SB 942 requires the Department of Human Services to make specific findings in a child abuse investigation and requires investigations to be conducted in accordance with statute.

Investigation findings must be made as "founded," "unfounded," or "cannot be determined." This requirement is in place until certain statewide metrics and program goals are met.

The recommended amendment removes the requirement that DHS conduct exit interviews within 14 days of removing a child in substitute care from a placement. This changes the fiscal impact to minimal.

The Human Services Subcommittee SB 942 be amended by the –A3 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended."