

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **SB 1579 Relating to child abuse**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Capital Construction Subcommittee  
Carrier: Senator Knopp

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SB 1579 creates the Children’s Advocacy Center Fund in the Department of Justice to establish and maintain sufficient children’s advocacy centers that support children who have been abused.

The measure also establishes the Children’s Advocacy Center One-Time Grant Fund in the Department of Justice. Amounts available in the fund will be used for:

- non-competitive grants distributed to each children’s advocacy center providing services on the effective date of the measure;
- competitive grants awarded no later than June 30, 2025 to accredited children’s advocacy centers, health care providers, and medical facilities; and
- program administrative expenses.

The measure appropriates \$7 million General Fund for deposit in the One-Time Grant Fund and an associated \$7 million in Other Funds expenditure limitation. One limited duration position is established in DOJ for administration of the grant program.

The Children’s Advocacy Center One-Time Grant program sunsets on January 2, 2026.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends SB 1579 be amended by the –A17 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.