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Possible changes below...

Legislative Changes –

Current law limits use and disclosure of information about cases in which DSS' investigation found that child abuse or neglect, more than likely, did not occur – also known as unfounded cases.

This past legislative session, DSS, with support from the governor's office, and legislators, most notably Senators Massey and Young, proposed a transparency amendment to current law with transparency and accountability measures however the General Assembly did not pass the proposal.

DSS will propose a transparency amendment next session. The transparency amendment includes: allowing DSS to issue public reports about a case of child abuse or neglect that results in a child fatality in order to comply with federal law; and to confirm, clarify, or correct information concerning a case that has been made public by sources other than the department in official statements.

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I made a few edits in redline.

There were some minor grammatical edits I did not make due to your time constraints.