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Hi Rita -

Hope you are well!

I wanted to follow up with you on H. 3124 - this is the House bill that the Senate added the new DSS Transparency language to and is similar (but not identical) to your bill - H.5015.

Tomorrow, H. 3124 should come back over to the House. The Senate made a few changes that DSS and our office would like to see amended - close to your bill - H.5015. The changes are relatively minor. The amendment and talking points are attached. Essentially, the amendment would:

(1) allow DSS to publicly disclose an unfounded case if it was made public by any source (other than DSS). The Senate limited disclosure of these cases only if a person of interest disclosed it. This limitation would not allow DSS to talk about cases that are currently causing a lot of controversy but have already been made public. The Senate DSS Oversight Committee has been very supportive of this change.

(2) the Senate included language regarding federal guidelines for reporting child fatality and near-fatality cases; however the Senate language did not conform to the federal guidelines. This makes that technical correction.

(3) Your bill provides for immunity to DSS when disclosing a case as allowed by this law. The amendment would put this language back in H.3124 as amended by the Senate.

I am available anytime to talk through these changes.

Swati

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