

House Bill 1051

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 15 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to child  
2 abuse, so as to change certain provisions relating to the county multiagency child fatality  
3 review committee and reporting; to change distribution of certain reports; to change certain  
4 provisions relating to the Georgia Child Fatality Review Panel's reporting; to provide for  
5 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 15 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to child abuse, is  
9 amended by revising subsection (o) of Code Section 19-15-3, relating to the county  
10 multiagency child fatality review committee and reporting, as follows:

11 "(o) Each local review committee shall issue an annual report no later than the first day of  
12 July in 2001 and in each year thereafter. The report shall:

13 (1) Specify the numbers of reports received by that review committee from a county  
14 medical examiner or coroner pursuant to subsection (h) of this Code section for the  
15 preceding calendar year;

16 (2) Specify the number of reports of child fatality reviews prepared by the review  
17 committee during such period;

18 (3) Be published at least once annually in the legal organ of the county or counties for  
19 which the review committee was established with the expense of such publication paid  
20 each by such county; and

21 (4) Be transmitted, no later than the fifteenth day of July in 2001 and in each year  
22 thereafter, to the Georgia Child Fatality Review Panel ~~and the Judiciary Committees of~~  
23 ~~the House of Representatives and Senate."~~

**SECTION 2.**

Said chapter is further amended by revising subsection (i) of Code Section 19-15-4, relating to the Georgia Child Fatality Review Panel, as follows:

"(i) By January 1 of each calendar year, the panel shall submit a report to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, ~~and~~ the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Judiciary Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives regarding the prevalence and circumstances of child fatalities in the state; recommend measures to reduce such fatalities caused by other than natural causes; and address in the report the following issues:

(1) Whether the deaths could have been prevented;

(2) Whether the children were known to any state or local agency;

(3) The actions, if any, taken by any state or local agency or court;

(4) Whether agency or court intervention could have prevented their deaths;

(5) Whether policy, procedural, regulatory, or statutory changes are called for as a result of these findings; and

(6) Whether any referral should have been made to a law enforcement agency which was not made."

**SECTION 3.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.