

SB 5888 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Requires the department of social and health services to:
(1) Notify the office of the children and family ombuds in the event of a near fatality of a child who is or has been in the care of or receiving child welfare services from the department or a supervising agency within three months preceding the near fatality;

(2) Conduct a review of the near fatality; and

(3) Conduct a review of a social worker's and his or her supervisor's files and actions taken during an initial report of alleged child abuse or neglect, when certain conditions exist and there is a subsequent allegation of abuse or neglect resulting in a near fatality within one year of the initial allegation that is screened in and open for investigation by child protective services.