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S.F. No. 1587 – Child Maltreatment Investigations

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Under current law, when a local welfare agency receives a screened-in report of child maltreatment, the agency must conduct face-to-face contact with the child and the child’s primary caregiver to complete a safety assessment and ensure the child’s safety. If the report alleges sexual abuse or substantial child endangerment, contact must occur immediately. For all other reports, contact must occur within five days.

S.F. 1587 allows for face-to-face contact in response to a report alleging sexual abuse or substantial child endangerment to be postponed for up to five calendar days, if: 1) the child is residing in a location that is confirmed to restrict contact with the alleged offender; or 2) the local welfare agency is pursuing a court order for the child’s caregiver to produce the child for an interview under **section 260E.22, subdivision 5**.