

SUBJECT: Repealing provisions on certain DFPS recidivist cases

COMMITTEE: Human Services — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 6 ayes — Frank, Rose, Hull, Noble, Ramos, Shaheen

0 nays

3 absent — Campos, Klick, Manuel

SENATE VOTE: On final passage (April 20) — 31 - 0

WITNESSES: For — None

Against — None

On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Kezeli Wold, DFPS)

BACKGROUND: Under Human Resources Code sec. 48.1523, if the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) receives and investigates a report of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an elderly person or a person with a disability and the offender was the subject of two previous reports, an Adult Protective Services (APS) supervisor is required to:

- classify the case as a recidivist case;
- review the reports and investigation files concerning that person; and
- assist the caseworker and supervisor investigating the third report in developing a long-term plan for resolving the issues involved in the case.

Some have suggested that the statutory requirement for an APS supervisor to review repeat cases of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an elderly person or a person with a disability may be unnecessary because the casework management system has the ability to assess the risk of recidivism and identify recidivistic cases.

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**DIGEST:** SB 2260 would repeal Human Resources Code sec. 48.1523.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2023.