

**House Bill 2848**  
Senate Amendments  
Section-by-Section Analysis

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(b) Any agreement between the department and the network or between the Department of State Health Services and the system to provide assistance in connection with abuse and neglect investigations conducted by the department must require the network and the system to have the ability to obtain consultations with physicians, including radiologists, geneticists, and endocrinologists, who specialize in identifying unique health conditions, including:

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(c) If, during an abuse or neglect investigation or an assessment provided under Subsection (b), the department or a physician in the network determines that a child requires a specialty consultation with a physician, the department or the physician shall refer the child's case to the system for the consultation, if the system has available capacity to take the child's case.

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SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to an agreement entered into or renewed on or after the effective date of this Act.

No equivalent provision.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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SECTION 2. Same as House version.

SECTION 3. [Deleted by FA1]

SECTION 4. Same as House version.

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