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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the contents of certain child abuse assessment  
2 reports.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 232.71B, subsection 11, Code 2001, is  
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. h. If after completing the assessment  
4 process the child protection worker determines, with the  
5 concurrence of the worker's supervisor and the department's  
6 area administrator, that a report is a spurious report or that  
7 protective concerns are not present, the portions of the  
8 assessment report described under paragraphs "d" and "e" shall  
9 not be required.

10 EXPLANATION

11 This bill modifies Code section 232.71B requirements for  
12 completion of a child abuse assessment report. If, after a  
13 child protection worker completes the assessment process, the  
14 worker determines that the child abuse report was spurious or  
15 that there are not protective concerns present, the assessment  
16 report need not include identification of the strengths and  
17 needs of the child and the child's family or the services  
18 available to address the strengths and needs. Concurrence  
19 with the worker's determination by the worker's supervisor and  
20 the department's area administrator is required.

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