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# Senate Communications & Technology Committee

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## Bill Summary

**Bill Number:** SB 26, P.N. 685

**Prime Sponsor:** Yudichak

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### Synopsis:

Amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations) by requiring the Department of Public Welfare to establish a statewide toll-free telephone number for reporting suspected child

### Summary:

Adds Section 6332.1 (Statewide three digit toll-free telephone number and monitoring by department) by requiring the Department of Public Welfare to establish a single three digit statewide toll-free telephone number that all persons may use to report cases of suspected child abuse or children in need of protective services.

The Department would be required to do the following on a 24-hour, seven-days a week basis:

- (1) Receive reports and referrals of suspected child abuse and children in need of protective services.
- (2) Respond to requests for information from county agencies and law enforcement personnel.
- (3) Monitor the provision of protective services.

County agencies would be required to do the following on a 24-hour, seven-days a week basis: receive reports of suspected child abuse from the department or the general public in accordance with the county plan and regulations of the Department for the provision of child protective services.

SB 26 would take effect in 60 days.