

Amendment No. 1 to HB0517

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1074

House Bill No. 517*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-607(b)(2)(B), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(B) The initial safety interview with a child who is the alleged victim of child sexual abuse or severe abuse shall be conducted by the department. If a forensic interview is required, the department shall refer the case to the child advocacy center to perform the initial forensic interview. When the child advocacy center receives notification of the need for a forensic interview, it shall, at the appropriate time, notify law enforcement of the case and the date and time of the interview. The department shall be present for the forensic interview and law enforcement shall be present if possible. The forensic interview shall be conducted while the department is present and may be conducted without law enforcement being present. If subsequent interviews are found necessary by the child advocacy center, the interviews shall be performed by the child advocacy center.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring