

1 of the state.

2 (3) The attorney general and each center shall fulfill the statewide purpose of each center
3 by:

4 (a) minimizing the time and duplication of effort required to investigate, prosecute, and
5 initiate treatment for the abused child in the state;

6 (b) facilitating the investigation of the alleged offense against the abused child;

7 (c) conducting interviews of abused children and their families in a professional manner;

8 (d) obtaining reliable and admissible information which can be used effectively in criminal
9 and child protection proceedings in the state;

10 (e) coordinating and tracking:

11 (i) the use of limited medical and psychiatric services;

12 (ii) investigation of the alleged offense;

13 (iii) preparation of prosecution;

14 (iv) treatment of the abused child and family; and

15 (v) education and training of persons who provide services to the abused child and its
16 family in the state;

17 (f) expediting the processing of the case through the courts in the state;

18 (g) protecting the interest of the abused child and the community in the state;

19 (h) reducing trauma to the abused child in the state;

20 (i) enhancing the community understanding of sexual abuse of children and serious
21 physical abuse of children in the state; and

22 (j) providing as many services as possible that are required for the thorough and effective
23 investigation of child abuse cases.

24 (4) To assist a center in fulfilling the requirements and statewide purposes as provided in
25 Subsection (3), each center may obtain access to any relevant juvenile court legal records and adult
26 court legal records, unless sealed by the court.

27 (5) The statewide purpose of this chapter is to establish a program that provides a
28 comprehensive, multidisciplinary, nonprofit, intergovernmental response to sexual abuse of
29 children and serious physical abuse of children in a facility known as a Children's Justice Center.

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A limited legal review of this bill raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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