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Madam Speaker:

The Health and Human Services Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **H.B. 232**, ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND DIVISION DEFINITIONS, by Representative C. Watkins, with the following amendments and recommends it be placed on the Consent Calendar.

1. *Page 1, Lines 8 through 15:*

8 General Description:

9 This bill ~~{ modifies the definition of neglect and }~~ eliminates a responsibility
of the

10 Division of Child and Family Services.

11 Highlighted Provisions:

12 This bill:

13 ~~{ → adds willful, wanton, and reckless negligence to the definition of
neglect, and }~~

14 ▶ eliminates the division's responsibility to conduct court-ordered home
evaluations in

15 custody proceedings.

2. *Page 7, Lines 191 through 194:*

191 (25) (a) "Neglect" means action or inaction ~~{ that is willful, wanton, or reckless~~
192 negligence. } causing:

193 (i) abandonment of a child, except as provided in Title 62A, Chapter 4a, Part 8, Safe

194 Relinquishment of a Newborn Child;

Respectfully,

Paul Ray
Committee Chair

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