

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

LS 6882
BILL NUMBER: HB 1264

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 20, 2026
BILL AMENDED: Jan 14, 2026

SUBJECT: Child Fatality Information.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Lauer
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill provides that the Department of Child Services (DCS) shall disclose to the public certain information regarding child fatalities or near fatalities. It provides that, upon request, the DCS may provide additional information regarding cases of child fatalities or near fatalities subject to certain requirements. The bill also makes technical and conforming changes.

Effective Date: July 1, 2026.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill could increase the workload of the DCS to provide certain information concerning child abuse or neglect that has resulted in a fatality or near fatality.

Additional Information: To date for CY 2025, the DCS has received approximately 12,000 monthly reports of suspected child abuse and neglect in the state, with approximately 2,000 of these reports were substantiated and 10,000 were unsubstantiated. In 2023, the DCS investigated 261 child fatalities where abuse or neglect were suspected.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: DCS.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: DCS Assessment Decisions Summary,
<https://www.in.gov/dcs/overview/reports-and-statistics/child-abuse-and-neglect/>

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