
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
2025 - 2026 Regular Session

AB 1688 (Carrillo) - Child abuse or neglect: reporting

Version: June 17, 2026

Policy Vote: PUB. S. 6 - 0, HUMAN S. 5 - 0

Urgency: No

Mandate: Yes

Hearing Date: August 13, 2026

Consultant: Bob Franzoia

Bill Summary: AB 1688 would require notice of incidents of reasonably suspected abuse or neglect, alleged to have occurred in a facility licensed by the Department of Social Services (CDSS) to be provided to attorneys who represent the parents of the child as well as to attorneys who represent a child in that placement, as specified. By expanding the duties of local agencies that receive reports alleging abuse or neglect to children, this bill would impose a state mandated local program.

***** **ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE** *****
The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on August 13, 2026

Fiscal Impact: Up to \$2.4 million for county social workers to send required reports.
(General Fund)

Estimated one time information technology upgrade costs of \$825,000 to CDSS.
(General Fund).

Author Amendments:

- Provide that, when a county welfare agency receives a substantiated report for an incident that occurred in an out-of-home placement, or a child is removed from an out-of-home placement due to abuse or neglect, the agency shall, within 36 hours, provide notice of the report to the attorney who represents a parent or legal guardian of the child in dependency court and, in the case of an Indian child, the tribal representative.
- Provide that, if the substantiated abuse or neglect occurred in a placement, or a child has been removed from an out-of-home placement due to abuse or neglect, all attorneys who represent a child with an open dependency case in that placement shall receive the notice.

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