

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENT

Second Reading

BY REPRESENTATIVE Garcia

1 Amend the Judiciary Committee Report, dated February 18, 2026, page
2 1 of the report, strike lines 13 through 15 and substitute:

3 "Page 2, strike lines 13 through 16 and substitute:

4 (b) IF THE ALLEGED OFFENSE OCCURRED IN A JURISDICTION OTHER
5 THAN THE JURISDICTION IN WHICH IT WAS REPORTED, THE CHILD
6 ADVOCACY CENTER IN THE APPROPRIATE JURISDICTION, AS DETERMINED
7 BY THE RECEIVING LAW ENFORCEMENT ENTITY OR PEACE OFFICER. IN ALL
8 CASES, A LAW ENFORCEMENT ENTITY OR PEACE OFFICER SHALL NOTIFY A
9 CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER WITHIN THE STATE."

10 Page 1 of the report, line 18, strike "REPORTING THE".

11 Page 1 of the report, line 19, strike "ALLEGATION TO THE CHILD
12 ADVOCACY CENTER" and substitute "NOTIFYING THE CHILD ADVOCACY
13 CENTER OF THE ALLEGATION".

14 Page 2 of the report, strike lines 6 through 9, and substitute:

15 "Page 3, strike lines 12 through 20 and substitute:

16 "(II) The judge determines that testimony by the witness in the
17 courtroom and in the presence of the defendant would result in the
18 witness suffering serious emotional distress or trauma. ~~such that the~~
19 ~~witness would not be able to reasonably communicate~~ THE TRIAL COURT
20 SHALL MAKE FINDINGS ON THE RECORD REGARDING THE WITNESS'S
21 ABILITY TO TESTIFY IN THE COURTROOM AND IN THE PRESENCE OF THE
22 DEFENDANT; and".

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