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TAPE QUESTIONING OF CHILDREN

**House Bill 5346
Sponsor: Rep. Allen Lowe
Committee: Judiciary and Civil Rights**

Complete to 5-2-96

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5346 AS INTRODUCED 10-31-95

The bill would amend the Child Protection Law to prohibit the Department of Social Services [Family Independence Agency], a law enforcement agency, or any other agency investigating a claim of child abuse or neglect from questioning a child under 16 years of age who was a suspected victim of child abuse unless the entire period of questioning was videotaped and audiotaped, and unless a "qualified" person was present during the entire period of questioning. The department [agency] would promulgate rules to establish criteria for qualified individuals.

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