

HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	Senate File 2416	House Committee:	PASSED on February 19 (20-0)
Committee:	Judiciary	House Floor:	PASSED on March 5 (85-0)
Floor Manager:	Rep. Stone	Senate Floor:	PASSED on March 4 (45-0)
Date:	May 12, 2026	Governor:	SIGNED on April 9, 2026
Staff:	Amanda Wille (1-5230)		

Interviews with Children

- As amended, SF 2416 will expand the definition of interview of a child in a child abuse case.
- Allows court authorized entry, observation, or interview with a child in a child abuse case.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 – Juvenile Justice- Definitions (232.68)

Amends the definition of interview to include an exchange between a forensic interviewer and a child at either a child advocacy center or a child protection center for the purpose of developing information necessary to protect the child.

Section 2 — Juvenile Justice- Duties of the Department Upon Receipt of Report (232.71B)

Allows a court to authorize entry into a child's home, an interview with a child or observation of a child if a child abuse allegation is referred to law enforcement and the child's parents do not give permission. .

Amendment Analysis