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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 24-92—SB 126
Committee on Children

**AN ACT CONCERNING HOME VISITS AND EVALUATIONS
CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.**

SUMMARY: This act generally requires the Department of Children and Families (DCF) commissioner, or her designee, to do home visits or evaluations in person, in keeping with the department’s safety plan (see below). The act makes an exception to the in-person requirement if any resident of the home is subject to a Department of Public Health (DPH) order of quarantine or isolation (i.e., when the DPH commissioner has determined that the person poses a significant threat to the public health and that quarantine or isolation is necessary and the least restrictive way to protect or preserve the public health). In these instances, the act requires the DCF commissioner or her designee to do the visit or evaluation using phone, video, or another conferencing platform.

Under the act, a “safety plan” is a plan DCF makes to address or mitigate parent or guardian behaviors or conditions or circumstances in a home that may make the home unsafe for children. A safety plan specifies (1) actions that have been or will be taken to address or mitigate the unsafe behaviors, conditions, or circumstances; (2) who will take them; and (3) when the department will review these actions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024