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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 651**

2 Offered January 14, 2026

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4 *A BILL to direct the Department of Social Services to amend its regulations to require face-to-face interviews*
5 *with victim children younger than three years of age within 24 hours of receiving a report.*

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8 Committee Referral Pending

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10 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

11 *1. § 1. That the Department of Social Services shall amend its regulations to require that face-to-face*
12 *interviews with victim children under three years of age conducted as part of a family assessment occur*
13 *within 24 hours of receipt of the report that triggers such family assessment. The Board's initial adoption of*
14 *regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this act shall be exempt from the Administrative*
15 *Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq. of the Code of Virginia), except that the Board shall provide an opportunity*
16 *for public comment on such regulations prior to adoption.*

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