

One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB167

Chairperson: Senator Justin Wayne

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: March 15, 2023

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 167 requires the agreement of the parties or approval of the court in order to depose a child victim or child witness in both adult and juvenile courts when a video-recorded forensic interview of the child has been conducted at a Child Advocacy Center. If a deposition is granted, LB167 creates a process for the court to consider specific protections for the child that may need to be included in a protective order during the deposition of the child witness or child victim to protect the child from emotional harm or harassment, undue influence, or intimidation.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Julie Slama