

HB 2270 -- SAFE CARE Providers

Sponsor: Cooper

This bill allows child abuse medical resource centers and providers receiving training from the Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Child Abuse Resource Education (SAFE CARE) network to collaborate to promote improved services to children who are suspected victims of abuse and need a forensic medical examination by providing specialized training for forensic medical evaluations in a hospital, child advocacy center, or by a private health care professional without the need for a collaborative agreement between the child abuse medical resource center and a SAFE CARE provider. The SAFE CARE network must develop recommendations for medically based screening processes and forensic evidence collection for emergency examinations of children who are alleged victims of sexual assault and provide those recommendations to the SAFE CARE providers, child advocacy centers, hospitals, and licensed practitioners who provide these emergency examinations.