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Under current law, if an adult-at-risk agency¹ has reason to believe that an adult at risk² has been the subject of abuse, financial exploitation, neglect, or self-neglect, the adult-at-risk agency **may** respond, including by conducting an investigation to determine whether the adult at risk is in need of protective services. Among other changes, 2021 Senate Bill 395 **requires** the adult-at-risk agency to respond by either conducting an investigation or referring the report to another agency for investigation if it has reason to believe an adult at risk has been the subject of abuse, financial exploitation, neglect, or self-neglect or if it receives a **report of alleged abuse**.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 retains the provisions of the bill and adds the requirement that the adult-at-risk agency must respond if it receives a report of alleged financial exploitation, neglect, or self-neglect of an adult at risk. Thus, under the amendment, if the adult-at-risk agency receives a **report of alleged abuse, financial exploitation, neglect, or self-neglect** of an adult at risk, the adult-at-risk agency must respond either by conducting an investigation or referring the report to another agency for investigation.

BILL HISTORY

Senator Jacque offered Senate Amendment 1 on July 28, 2021. On October 19, 2021, the Senate Committee on Human Services, Children and Families recommended adoption of Senate Amendment 1, and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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¹ An “adult-at-risk agency” means the agency designated by the county board of supervisors to receive, respond to, and investigate reports of abuse, neglect, self-neglect, and financial exploitation of adults at risk. [ss. 55.01(1f) and 55.043, Stats.]

² An “adult at risk” means any adult who has a physical or mental condition that substantially impairs their ability to care for their needs and who has experiences, is currently experiencing, or is at risk of experiencing abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or financial exploitation. [s. 55.01 (1e), Stats.]