

1 determine the most effective and efficient means of investigation and to help ensure the
2 safety of children. The study shall specifically include:

- 3 (1) Identification of factors which limit the efficiency and effectiveness of
4 investigations of child abuse or neglect in child care facilities
5 conducted by local departments of social services, local law
6 enforcement agencies, and the Division of Child Development.
- 7 (2) Determination of the reasons behind the factors identified as
8 limitations to the effectiveness and efficiency of investigations and of
9 the impact these factors have on the safety of children in child care.
- 10 (3) Recommendations on ways to make the investigation of child abuse
11 and neglect allegations in child care facilities more effective and
12 efficient. These recommendations may include a revision of the
13 responsibility of the various authorities in investigating these
14 complaints.
- 15 (4) Determination of how the safety of children is impacted by the
16 presence of child care workers who are perpetrators in substantiated
17 cases of child abuse or neglect.
- 18 (5) Recommendations on the need for work-related sanctions against
19 individual child care workers who are perpetrators in substantiated
20 cases of child abuse and neglect.
- 21 (6) Recommendations on the need for a registry of individuals who are
22 perpetrators in substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect. Any
23 such recommendation shall include consideration of who should have
24 access to the registry and how the due process rights of the alleged
25 perpetrators should be protected.

26 **SECTION 3.** The Legislative Study Commission on the Investigation of
27 Child Abuse and Neglect in Child Care Facilities shall make an interim report, including
28 any legislative proposals, to the 2002 Regular Session of the 2001 General Assembly
29 and a final report to the 2003 General Assembly.

30 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.