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Highlights

- Public children services agencies (PCSAs) could realize minimal costs if any additional staff training is necessary. However, PCSAs typically consider the activities outlined in the bill when responding to reports.

Detailed Analysis

Under the bill, a child whose parent, guardian, or custodian allows the child to engage in specific independent activities without adult supervision cannot, solely for that reason, be considered to be an abused or neglected child, as long as the independent activities are appropriate based on the child's age, maturity, and physical and mental abilities and the lack of supervision does not constitute conduct that is so grossly negligent as to endanger the child's health or safety. "Independent activities" include traveling to and from school or nearby commercial or recreational facilities, engaging in outdoor play, remaining at home unattended for a reasonable amount of time, and engaging in activities similar to the above activities, either alone or with other children.

PCSAs could realize minimal costs if any additional staff training is necessary to ensure procedures consider the activities specified in the bill when making assessments. However, PCSAs typically consider these activities when responding to reports.