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5-705. INVESTIGATION.

(A) INITIATION OF INVESTIGATION.

PROMPTLY AFTER RECEIVING A REPORT OF A SUSPECTED NEGLECTED CHILD, THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION TO PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF THE CHILD OR CHILDREN.

(B) FINDING OF NEGLECT.

IF THERE IS A FINDING OF NEGLECT, THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT SHALL DETERMINE:

(1) THE NATURE, EXTENT, AND CAUSE OF THE NEGLECT;

(2) THE IDENTITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NEGLECT;

(3) THE NAME, AGE, AND CONDITION OF EVERY OTHER CHILD IN THE HOUSEHOLD; AND

(4) ANY OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION.

(C) WRITTEN REPORT OF FINDINGS.

WITHIN 10 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE COMPLETION OF AN INVESTIGATION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE A WRITTEN REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS. THE REPORT SHALL:

(1) STATE WHETHER NEGLECT IS:

(I) CONFIRMED;

(II) RULED OUT; OR

(III) UNCERTAIN; AND

(2) IF THERE IS A FINDING OF NEGLECT, INCLUDE A TREATMENT PLAN.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Article 72A, § 8(a), (b), and (c).

In subsection (a) of this section, the word "suspected" is new language added for clarity.

Subsection (c)(1) of this section is revised using language that conforms to practice.