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### **Boutin emphasizes role of Commission to review Child Abuse Fatalities**

Concord, NH - Today, the Commission to review Child Abuse Fatalities met to hear from the Director Lorraine Bartlett and Chief Legal Counsel Byry Kennedy for the Division for Children Youth & Families (DCYF) to learn about the process by which child abuse or neglect is reported and investigated by the state.

"There have been a handful of recent cases locally where parents have been found responsible for the death of a child following a period of abuse. This Commission is designed to better understand the course of action by which instances of child abuse or neglect is reported and investigated and how the State of New Hampshire can improve this process to eliminate instances where parental abuse results in the death of a child or infant," said Senator David Boutin, Chair of the Commission to review Child Abuse Fatalities.

"We have a responsibility to the families and children in the state of New Hampshire to ensure that investigations into a child's wellbeing are effective and that we are doing everything we can to put a stop to tragic outcomes caused by abuse that we've seen in the past."

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