

# SB 1126 (MIN): A BRIEF OVERVIEW

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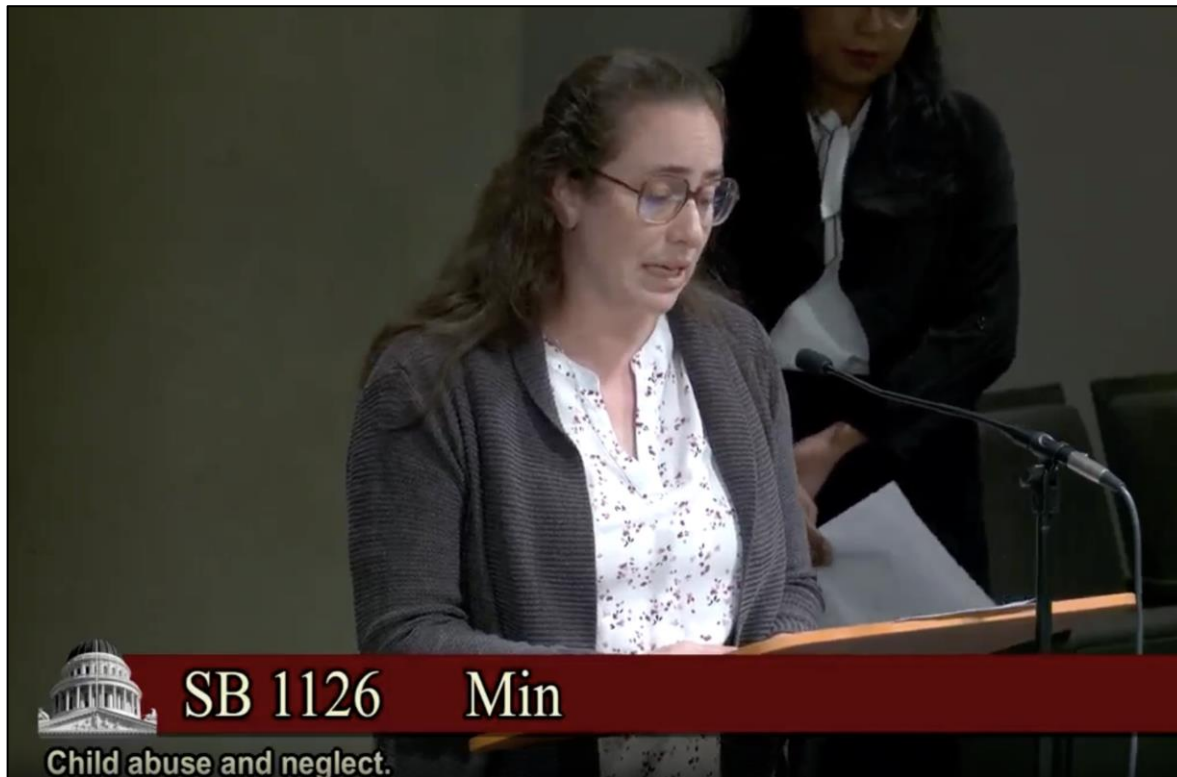
- In 2022, in just Los Angeles County, there were 16,023 calls by law enforcement to DCFS. Approximately 52% of those involved domestic violence
- In 2022, according to the same study, there were 1,930 children detained or removed from their families as a result of DV allegations
- For decades, survivor parents have reported this issue as either the most significant or among the most significant issues they are facing

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- ▶ “This bill would provide that the fact that a child-witnessed domestic violence or was present during a domestic violence incident does not require a mandated reporter to report child abuse or neglect.”
- ▶ Choice to focus upstream to reduce the number of families that enter the system and to avoid harms at the investigation stage



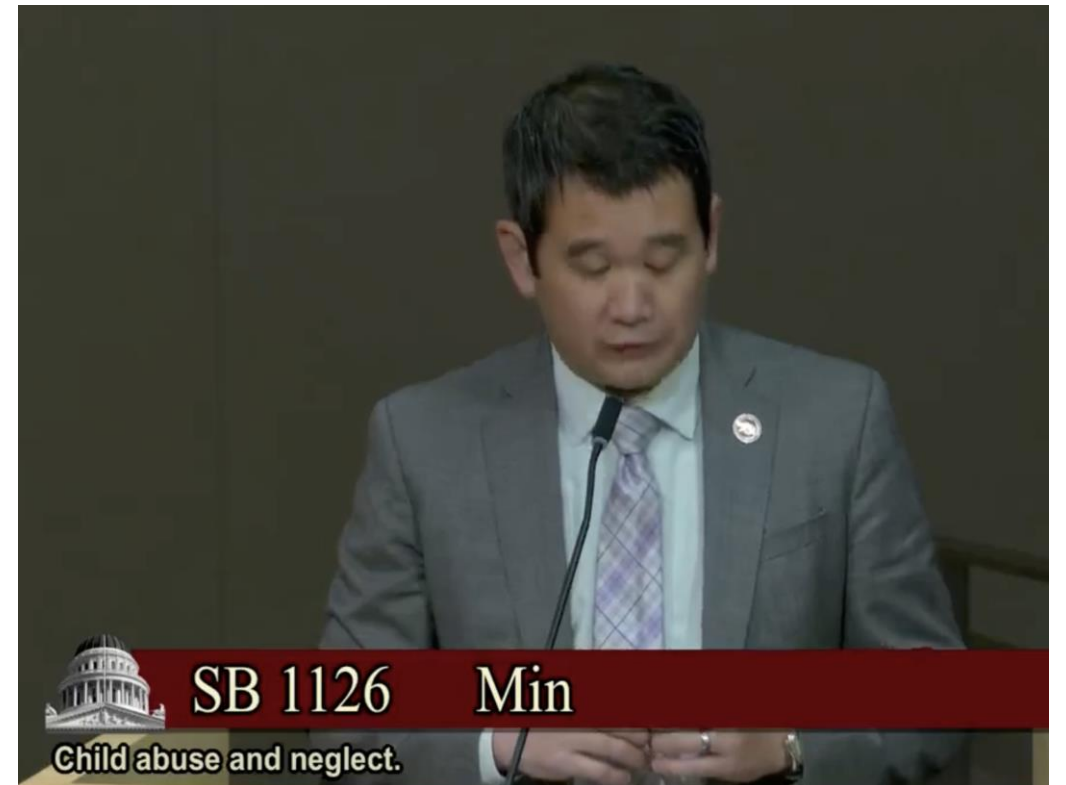
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- ▶ **Co-sponsors**
  - ▶ Alliance for Boys and Men of Color
  - ▶ California Partnership to End Domestic Violence
  - ▶ Family Violence Appellate Project
  - ▶ UCI Domestic Violence Law Clinic
  - ▶ Public Counsel
  - ▶ National Center for Youth Law
- ▶ **Opponents**
  - ▶ CWDA
  - ▶ Alliance for Hope
  - ▶ Riverside County Sheriff's Department

# Timeline

- ▶ February- Introduced by Sen. Dave Min
- ▶ April- Vote 4-1 to pass through Senate Public Safety Committee
- ▶ May- Pulled from consideration before a vote on the Senate Floor



# CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE FUTURE

- There remains a lot of work to do to inform Legislators about this issue, the harm of the mandated reporting system
- Legislators remain wary of reforming mandated reporting and do not fully understand the nature of the system and the harms it inflicts
- There may be potential to address this issue through other avenues/via other mechanisms