


## MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE</b>	May 4, 2017
<b>TO</b>	Policy and Advocacy Committee
<b>FROM</b>	 Konnor Leitzell Student Assistant
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Agenda Item #6(c)(47) – SB 755 (Beall) Civil Discovery: Mental Examination

**Background:**

Existing law provides that any party may obtain discovery by means of a physical or mental examination of (1) a party to the action, (2) an agent of any party, or (3) a natural person in the custody or under the legal control of a party in any action in which the mental or physical condition of that party or other person is in controversy in the action. This bill would limit the mental examination of a child that is less than 15 years of age and has credible evidence of being sexually abused to psychological testing of no more than three (3) hours, including breaks.

**Location:** Senate Committee on Judiciary

**Status:** 5/02/2017 Do pass as amended from Committee on Judiciary

**Votes:** 5/02/2017 Senate Committee on Judiciary (6-0-1)

**Action Requested:**

No action is required at this time. Staff will continue to watch SB 755 (Beall) to determine its impact on current standards of practice in psychology pertaining to conducting mental examinations of child victims of sexual abuse.

Attachment A: SB 755 (Beall) Text



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