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### Assembly OKs protections for child sex-abuse victims SB 755 limits marathon psychological examinations of vulnerable youths

**SACRAMENTO (July 6, 2017)** – Legislation sponsored by Consumer Attorneys of California protecting child sex-abuse victims from abusive marathon psychological examinations won resounding approval today in the Assembly and is one step away from the governor's desk.

[Senate Bill 755](#), authored by Sen. Jim Beall (D-San Jose), will put limits on lengthy psychological examinations of children under age 15 who have suffered suspected sexual abuse. SB 755 won unanimous bipartisan approval in the Assembly this morning.

Civil lawsuits are often the only way a victim and their family can seek justice and the compensation needed to offset the costs of treating mental and physical trauma caused by abuse. But attorneys who represent children in such civil cases report a disturbing practice: Defense team experts who conduct unnecessarily long and abusive psychological exams, even when ample evidence exists from prior criminal cases that have already put defendants in prison.

SB 755 will help address such injustices by putting a limit of no more than three hours, inclusive of breaks, on any psychological testing of a child who is the victim of suspected sexual abuse.

The measure now faces a final concurrence vote in the Senate before moving to the desk of Gov. Jerry Brown.

*Consumer Attorneys of California is a professional organization of plaintiffs' attorneys representing consumers seeking accountability against wrongdoers in cases involving personal injury, product liability, environmental degradation and other causes.*

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