

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 171

2016 Regular Session

Hodges

CHILDREN/NEWBORNS: Requires birthing centers, hospitals, and licensed midwives to offer information to parents of newborns on shaken baby syndrome and sudden unexpected infant death

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Provides that proposed law shall be known as the "Kaci Billings Act of 2016".

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed law provides definitions.

Proposed law provides findings relative to the dangers of shaken baby syndrome and sudden unexpected infant death. Declares that prevention of these conditions is a major public health priority of this state.

Proposed law requires every birthing center, hospital, and licensed midwife in this state to share resources with each maternity patient and father of a newborn child, if available, regarding shaken baby syndrome and sudden unexpected infant death.

Proposed law requires DHH to promulgate all administrative rules as are necessary to implement the provisions of proposed law. Provides that at minimum, the rules shall designate the compendium of resources approved for use in accordance with the requirements of proposed law. Requires that the resources, collectively, address all of the following:

- (1) The dangers of shaking infants and children.
- (2) The symptoms of shaken baby syndrome.
- (3) The dangers associated with rough handling or striking of an infant.
- (4) Safety measures which can be taken to prevent sudden unexpected infant death.
- (5) The risks associated with infants sleeping in the same bed with other children or adults.

Proposed law requires DHH to ensure that all approved resources provided for in proposed law are publicly available, through the department's website or any other means, to the facilities and persons to which proposed law applies.

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(Adds R.S. 40:1086.1-1086.4)