



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
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FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 47

PRINTER'S NO: 1795

PRIME SPONSOR: Curry

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2008/09	FY 2009/10
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
General Fund	\$0	See Analysis

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 47 creates the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Education and Prevention Program Act. The act requires the Department of Health to establish a Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Education and Prevention Program to promote awareness and education relating to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and Sudden Unexpected Death in Infants (SUDI) focusing on risk factors and safe sleeping practices for newborns and infants. The program shall include a public awareness campaign and the distribution of educational and instructional materials. These materials shall be provided to parents prior to discharge from a hospital or birth center or by a midwife for births that take place in other settings. These materials shall be provided without cost by each hospital, birth center or midwife to a parent of each newborn upon discharge from a hospital or birth center.

Under the act, the department shall develop a form for an acknowledgement statement. This statement may be signed by a parent prior to discharge from a hospital or birth center or after births performed by a midwife that take place in other settings. A copy of the statement shall be given to the parent and another shall be filed with the hospital, birth center, or midwife.

The act specifies that the department shall work with other entities to coordinate efforts and maximize State and private resources in the areas of education about SIDS and SUDI. In addition, the department shall identify and, when appropriate, replicate or use successful SIDS and SUDI programs and procure related materials and services from organizations with appropriate experience and knowledge of SIDS and SUDI.

The act shall take effect July 1, 2009.

ANALYSIS:

The Department of Health currently maintains a SIDS and Infant Death Program under the Division of Child & Adult Health Services in the Bureau of Family Health. The program includes a brochure on SIDS, which is distributed to institutions upon request and is provided on the Department's website. Current annual cost for printing this brochure is approximately \$4,200 for 70,000 copies and has been paid for with federal Maternal and Child Health block grant (MCH) funds.

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