



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 783

PRINTERS NO. 1815

PRIME SPONSOR: Marshall

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2018/19	FY 2019/20
General Fund	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

**SUMMARY:** House Bill 783, Printer's Number 1815, establishes the freestanding Infant CPR and Choking Education and Prevention Act. This legislation is effective in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:** HB 783 directs the Department of Health (DOH) to establish an Infant CPR and Choking Education and Prevention Program to promote awareness and education regarding infant choking hazards, infant Heimlich maneuver procedures and infant CPR measures.

#### DOH Duties

This legislation requires DOH to distribute educational and instructional materials regarding infant choking hazards, infant Heimlich maneuver procedures and infant CPR measures to health care facilities that participate in the program.

DOH is also required to provide a presentation on the importance of parents learning how to perform the infant Heimlich maneuver and infant CPR procedures to participating health care facilities, and the presentation shall be made available to each parent of a newborn expected and delivered in the health care facility.

For the purpose of implementing the program, DOH is required to do the following:

- Prepare a list of community-based services available to parents regarding infant choking risk factors and creating safe environments for infants;
- Prepare a list of approved presentations to be offered at health care facilities;
- Coordinate with other State and local governmental agencies, community and business leaders, community organizations, health care providers and national organizations to maximize the resources available for the program;
- Identify and use successful infant choking prevention strategies, infant Heimlich maneuver procedures and infant CPR measures from organizations with appropriate experience and knowledge of the subject.

#### Health Care Facility Duties

Health care facilities that participate in the program are required to provide the materials, at no cost, to each parent of a newborn upon discharge from the health care facility, and are required

to provide an acknowledgment statement, prepared by DOH, to a parent who received the materials upon discharge. A parent is required to sign the acknowledgment statement certifying that the parent has received the materials.

A health care facility which participates in the program is required to provide information regarding locations where educational sessions on infant Heimlich maneuver procedures and infant CPR measures are provided near the health care facility.

Liability

HB 783 includes language to ensure that nothing in this act shall be construed to hold a health care facility or health care practitioner criminally or civilly liable for the action or inaction of a parent during a choking episode of a newborn or infant.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** According to the Department of Health, development of educational materials including a presentation for health care facilities is estimated to cost approximately \$100,000.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*