

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 368

PRINTER NO. 1383

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

March 13, 2019

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Boscola

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

Senate Bill 368 amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations) to require the Department of Human Services (department) to compile and publish notification data received from health care providers on infants that are born affected by substance use or withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug or alcohol exposure.

Senate Bill 368 amends section 6386 (relating to notification to department and development of plan of safe care for children under one year of age) to require the department to comply with the following:

- Compile and publish on its internet website on a quarterly basis the notification data submitted by health care providers regarding infants that are born affected by substance use or withdrawal symptoms so that it is segregated and searchable by county; and
- Submit an annual report, which may include statistical analysis to best represent frequencies and trends across the Commonwealth, to the General Assembly.

The bill requires identifying information relating to a child in a notification to be confidential and shall not be subject to disclosure under the Right-to-Know Law.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 368 will have no fiscal impact to the Commonwealth. The department currently receives data from health care providers if they are involved in the delivery or care of a child under one year of age and determine the child has been born affected by substance use or withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure or Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. The bill would require the department to compile and publish reports based upon the data received from the health care providers. Any costs related to fulfilling these duties would be capable of being accommodated within the department's current workload and budget.