

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Hodges

New 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.

New 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.

New law requires the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) to promulgate all administrative rules as are necessary to implement the provisions of new law. Provides that at minimum, the rules shall designate the compendium of resources approved for use in accordance with the requirements of new 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.

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

New law provides that new law shall be known as the "Kaci Billings Act of 2016".

Effective August 1, 2016.

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