

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 414

2024 Regular Session

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KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

CHILDREN. Authorizes the installation and use of newborn safety devices at infant relinquishment sites designated in the Safe Haven Law and to initiate contacts as to missing and exploited children. (8/1/24)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

- 1 Adds provisions relative to contacting the Missing and Exploited Children Information Clearinghouse as to missing and endangered children.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

DIGEST

SB 414 Reengrossed

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Present law authorizes the installation of a newborn safety device in a designated emergency care facility that is physically located inside of a licensed hospital and has an emergency department that is staffed 24 hours per day.

Proposed law authorizes the installation of the device in any designated emergency care facility that is manned continuously on a 24 hour basis, seven days a week, and 365 days a year by an emergency response provider who is certified in neonatal resuscitation and pediatric advanced life support.

Present law provides that relinquishment of an infant is not a criminal act of neglect, abandonment, cruelty, or a crime against the child. Proposed law provides that the relinquishment is not be subject to an investigation for abandonment.

Present law requires that every designated emergency care facility appoint as its representative one or more employees on duty during regular business hours who is knowledgeable about requirement of law. Requires that each facility designate a representative who can be reached by emergency telephone service or post instructions to contact "911" for a safe haven relinquishment if outside of normal operating hours.

Proposed law retains these provisions but removes that requirement for a designated representative who can be reached by emergency phone service.

Proposed law requires that safe haven materials be available at the facility stocked in a envelope conspicuous and readily available in the newborn safety device for the relinquishing parent.

Present law requires that immediately after notification that an infant has been relinquished, the department is to request an oral instant court order of custody and shall take physical custody of the infant within 12 hours of notice that the infant is ready to be discharged from the hospital. Requires that the department exercise due diligence in attempting to identify and locate any non-relinquishing parent.

Proposed law retains these provisions and requires that the department contact the Missing and Exploited Children Information Clearinghouse, for information on missing endangered adults and missing children to determine if the child has been reported missing.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends Ch.C. Arts. 1151(A)(1), (B), and (C), 1152(A)(1) and (2), (C)(3), and (G), 1154(A), and 1157(A)(1); repeals Ch.C. Arts. 1150(2)(e) and 1152(A)(3))

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