
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2016 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to Original House Bill No. 171 by Representative Hodges

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the end of line 5, change "facilities" to "centers"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 6, after "sudden" and before "infant death" insert "unexpected"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, at the beginning of line 7, delete "syndrome"

AMENDMENT NO. 4On page 1, line 15, delete "SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME" and insert in lieu thereof "SUDDEN UNEXPECTED INFANT DEATH"AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, delete lines 1 through 3 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"(1) "Birthing center" means a healthcare facility, the primary purpose of which is the performance of low-risk deliveries, where births are planned to occur away from the mother's usual residence following a low-risk pregnancy. For purposes of this Subpart, the term "birthing center" shall not include a hospital or a facility licensed as part of a hospital."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following:

"(3) "Hospital" means a facility that is licensed as a hospital in accordance with the provisions of the Hospital Licensing Law, R.S. 40:2100 et seq."

"(4) "Licensed midwife" means a midwife who is licensed in accordance with the provisions of the Midwife Practitioners Act, R.S. 37:3240 et seq."

AMENDMENT NO. 7On page 2, at the beginning of line 5, change "(3)" to "(5)"AMENDMENT NO. 8On page 2, at the beginning of line 7, change "(4)" to "(6)"AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 2, delete lines 10 through 13 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"(7) "Sudden unexpected infant death" means the death of an infant of less than one year of age, the cause of which is not immediately obvious before investigation, that occurs suddenly and unexpectedly. A sudden unexpected infant

1 death requires the performance of a thorough postmortem investigation that includes
2 a complete autopsy, an examination of the death scene, and a review of the clinical
3 history of the deceased child. The term includes ill-defined and unknown causes of
4 mortality, sudden infant death syndrome, and accidental suffocation and
5 strangulation in bed."

6 AMENDMENT NO. 10

7 On page 2, delete lines 21 through 26 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

8 "B. With respect to sudden infant death syndrome, which is a form of sudden
9 unexpected infant death, the legislature finds all of the following:

10 (1) Sudden infant death syndrome was the leading cause of postneonatal
11 death in each year of the most recent ten-year period for which complete child
12 mortality data is available (2002 through 2012).

13 (2) Even after a thorough investigation, it is difficult to distinguish sudden
14 infant death syndrome from other sleep-related infant deaths such as from overlay
15 or suffocation in soft bedding.

16 (3) Parents and caregivers can take simple steps to reduce the risk of sudden
17 unexpected infant deaths."

18 AMENDMENT NO. 11

19 On page 2, line 28, delete "sudden infant death syndrome" and insert in lieu thereof "sudden
20 unexpected infant death"

21 AMENDMENT NO. 12

22 On page 3, line 1, delete "facility" and insert in lieu thereof "center"

23 AMENDMENT NO. 13

24 On page 3, delete lines 2 through 16 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

25 "A. Every birthing center, hospital, and licensed midwife shall share
26 resources with each maternity patient and father of a newborn child, if available,
27 regarding shaken baby syndrome and sudden unexpected infant death."

28 AMENDMENT NO. 14

29 On page 3, at the beginning of line 17, change "C.(1)" to "B.(1)"

30 AMENDMENT NO. 15

31 On page 3, line 19, after "Subpart." delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 20 and
32 21 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

33 "At minimum, the rules of the department shall designate the compendium of
34 resources approved for use by birthing centers, hospitals, and licensed midwives to
35 meet the requirements of Subsection A of this Section. The compendium of
36 resources shall, collectively, address all of the following:

37 (a) The dangers of shaking infants and children.

38 (b) The symptoms of shaken baby syndrome.

1 (c) The dangers associated with rough handling or striking of an infant.

2 (d) Safety measures which can be taken to prevent sudden unexpected infant
3 death.

4 (e) The risks associated with infants sleeping in the same bed with other
5 children or adults."

6 AMENDMENT NO. 16

7 On page 3, line 22, after "department" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 23 in
8 its entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

9 "shall ensure that all approved resources provided for in this Subsection are publicly
10 available, through the department's website or any other means, to birthing centers,
11 hospitals, and licensed midwives."

12 AMENDMENT NO. 17

13 On page 3, at the beginning of line 27, change "sudden infant death syndrome." to "sudden
14 unexpected infant death."

15 AMENDMENT NO. 18

16 On page 4, line 2, delete "sudden infant death syndrome" and insert in lieu thereof "sudden
17 unexpected infant death"