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NEONATAL ADDICTION SERVICES

House Bill 4025

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Committee: Public Health

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4025 AS INTRODUCED 1-31-91

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to add a new section to the "Supportive Personal Health Services" section of the code to establish a program to provide services to prevent neonatal addiction and fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS) and require health providers to make home visits in cases of suspected fetal alcohol syndrome or infant drug dependency.

The bill would require the Department of Public Health to establish and run a "sentinel network system," a program of infant support services that would provide support services (including preventive counseling) intended to prevent fetal alcohol syndrome and drug dependency in newborn infants.

Within 14 days of the department's being notified (by the Department of Social Services, a physician, or anyone else) that a newborn infant was suspected of having fetal alcohol syndrome or drug dependency, a health care provider employed by the department would be required to visit the infant's home and attempt to provide support services. If the health care provider was unable to make personal contact during the home visit or decided that there was reasonable cause to suspect child abuse or neglect, the Public Health Department would be required to immediately file a report with the Department of Social Services under the Child Protection Law (Public Act 238 of 1975).

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