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PARENTING PAMPHLET

House Bill 4144

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Committee: Public Health

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4144 AS INTRODUCED 2-7-91

The bill would add a new section to the Public Health Code to require the Department of Public Health (DPH) to develop and distribute a parenting pamphlet to parents of newborn babies and of newly adopted children.

The pamphlet. The department would develop the pamphlet in consultation with other appropriate state departments and with appropriate professional associations. The pamphlet would be written in easily understood, nontechnical English, with copies also printed in Spanish and other languages the department decided were appropriate.

Distribution. The department would be required to have the pamphlet ready for distribution within 90 days after the bill went into effect. Parents to whom the pamphlet would be mailed would be identified by taking their names from birth certificates (both those of live children registered with the state register and those prepared by the state registrar for an adopted child). Pamphlets would have to be mailed to parents within 30 days after a birth certificate was registered.

The department also would be required to distribute copies of the pamphlets to the boards of allopathic and osteopathic medicine and, upon request, free of charge to physicians and local health departments. Other people could get copies of the pamphlet at cost by writing to the DPH.

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