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NEONATAL ADDICTION SERVICES

House Bill 4102

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Committee: Public Health

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4102 AS INTRODUCED 2-2-93

The bill would enable the Department of Public Health to track certain drug-dependent babies and certain babies with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, and would establish a system of support services for families of babies identified as drug dependent or suffering from fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS).

More specifically, the bill would add a new section to the "Supportive Personal Health Services" section of the Public Health Code (MCL 333.9161) which would establish a "sentinel network system," a program of infant support services that would provide counseling and other support services regarding neonatal addiction and fetal alcohol syndrome.

Licensed health professionals who provided care to a baby and knew or suspected that the baby was drug dependent would have to report the baby's name and address and that of its parents or guardian to the Department of Public Health. Whenever the DPH received a report from the Department of Social Services, a physician, or anyone else that a baby was suspected of having fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS) or was drug dependent, the department would have to send a health care provider to make a home visit and attempt to provide support services. If the DPH health care provider couldn't make "personal contact" during the home visit or decided that there was reasonable cause to suspect child abuse or neglect, the DPH would immediately have to file a report with the Department of Social Services under the Child Protection Law (Public Act 238 of 1975).

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