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## NEONATAL ADDICTION AND FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME

**House Bill 4193**

**Sponsor: Rep. Martha Scott**

**Committee: Health Policy**

**Complete to 5-22-98**

### **A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4193 AS INTRODUCED 1-30-97**

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to require the Department of Community Health to create and maintain the Sentinel Network System -- a program of infant support services for neonatal addiction and fetal alcohol syndrome. A health care provider who was employed by or under contract to the department would have to make a home visit and attempt to provide support services within 14 days of being notified by the Family Independence Agency (FIA), a physician, or other person that an infant was suspected of having fetal alcohol syndrome or of being drug dependent. If the health care provider was unable to make personal contact or determined that there was reasonable cause to suspect child abuse or neglect, the department would have to immediately make a report to the FIA under the Child Protection Act (MCL 722.623).

In addition, a licensed or registered health care professional would have to make a report to the department if he or she knew or suspected that an infant under his or her care was drug dependent. The report would have to include the name and address of the infant and the infant's parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis. The department would then have to conduct a home visit as described above.

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