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Senate Bill 710 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Shirley Johnson
Committee: Families and Human Services

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Safe Delivery of Newborns Law to delete a January 1, 2004, sunset on Section 20 of the Law, which provides for a safe delivery program.

Section 20 (enacted by Public Act 235 of 2000) required the Department of Community Health (DCH), in conjunction with the Family Independence Agency (FIA), to establish a safe delivery program. The program is required to include a toll-free, 24-hour telephone line, which must provide information regarding prenatal care and newborn delivery; pregnancy-related support and counseling services; adoption options; counseling resources and crisis management assistance; and legal and procedural requirements for voluntarily surrendering a newborn under the Safe Delivery of Newborns Law. The program also must include a pamphlet, published and distributed jointly by the DCH and the FIA, that provides information to the public concerning the safe delivery program and includes the toll-free telephone number.

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FISCAL IMPACT

Because the program has already been established, there would be no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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