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Senate Bill 215 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Judy K. Emmons
Committee: Families, Seniors and Human Services

CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 28 (Vital Records) of the Public Health Code to require the reporting of a live birth of a baby surrendered under the Safe Delivery of Newborns Law in the same manner as a birth occurring in or enroute to an institution, but with the parents listed as "unknown" and the newborn listed as "Baby Doe".

Part 28 requires certain people to report a live birth occurring in Michigan. If a live birth occurs in an institution or enroute to an institution, the individual in charge of the institution or his or her designated representative must prepare the birth certificate and file it with the local registrar or as otherwise directed by the State registrar within five days after the birth.

The bill specifies that, if a newborn were surrendered under the Safe Delivery of Newborns Law, the live birth would have to be reported in the same manner as described above for a live birth occurring in an institution or enroute to an institution, except that the parents would have to be listed as "unknown" and the newborn as "Baby Doe".

Under the bill, "surrender" would mean that term as defined in the Safe Delivery of Newborns Law (to leave a newborn with an emergency service provider without expressing an intent to return for the newborn).

(The State registrar is a person appointed to administer the System of Vital Statistics. A local registrar generally is a county clerk or, in a city with a population of 40,000 or more, the city clerk or designated city department.)

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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