

Legislative Analysis



INFORMATION ON NEWBORN INSURANCE ENROLLMENT

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House Bill 5173 (H-3) as reported from committee

Sponsor: Rep. Kara Hope

Committee: Health Policy

Complete to 6-26-24

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 5173 would amend the Public Health Code to require the Department of Insurance and Financial Services, in consultation with the Department of Health and Human Services, to develop an informational document on the insurance enrollment process for coverage of newborns and make the form available to hospitals. Hospitals would have to provide the document to a parent or guardian of a live child born in the hospital when the child is not covered under a health benefit plan.

MCL 333.20165 and proposed MCL 333.21537

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 5173 would not have any significant fiscal impact on state or local government units. Under the bill, the Department of Insurance and Financial Services would be required to develop and make available to hospitals an informational form on the insurance enrollment process for coverage of a newborn. Hospitals would also be required to provide this form to certain parents. The costs associated with these activities would likely be minimal and sufficiently absorbed under current resource levels.

POSITIONS:

The following entities indicated support for the bill:

- Department of Insurance and Financial Services (11-2-23)
- Michigan League for Public Policy (10-26-23)
- Michigan Nurses Association (10-26-23)
- Michigan Organization on Adolescent Sexual Health (11-2-23)
- Nurse Family Partnership (11-2-23)

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