

# Legislative Analysis

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## INFORMATION ON NEWBORN INSURANCE ENROLLMENT

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**House Bill 5173 as introduced**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Kara Hope**  
**Committee: Health Policy**  
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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 form on the insurance enrollment process for coverage of newborns and make the form available to hospitals.

Hospitals would be required to provide the information form to a parent 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.

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