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BILL ANALYSIS



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House Bill 5173 (Substitute H-3 as passed by the House)

Sponsor: Representative Kara Hope

House Committee: Health Policy

Senate Committee: Health Policy

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CONTENT

The bill would amend Part 215 (Hospitals) of the Public Health Code to require the Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS), in consultation with the Department of Health and Human Services, to develop and make available to hospitals an informational document on the insurance enrollment process for coverage of a newborn. If a live child born in a hospital were not covered under a health benefit plan, the hospital would have to provide to a parent or guardian of the child the informational document.¹

MCL 333.20165 et al.

Legislative Analyst: Alex Krabill

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have a small, negative fiscal impact on DIFS and no impact on local units of government. The additional responsibilities that would be assigned to DIFS by the bill likely would result in increased administrative costs for DIFS, but these would likely be sufficiently funded by existing appropriations.

Fiscal Analyst: Nathan Leaman

¹ Under Section 24502 of the Code, "health benefit plan" means an individual or group expense-incurred hospital, medical, or surgical policy or certificate, an individual or group health maintenance organization contract, or a self-funded plan established or maintained by State or a local unit of government for its employees.

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