

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB960
Version:	ENGR
Request Number:	NA
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Date:	4/1/2021
Impact:	No impact

Research Analysis

SB 960 extends the age at which a child may be relinquished to medical services providers or child rescuers from 7 days to 30 days of age. Such relinquishments are to be considered an affirmative defense in child abandonment cases. The measure provides for such relinquishments to be effectuated by an in-person transfer of the child to the medical services provider or child rescuer or by leaving the child in a newborn safety device that meets certain criteria.

Medical service providers or child rescuers that install such a device shall be responsible for the cost of installation and are also responsible for installing a dual alarm system connected to the physical location of the newborn safety device that meets certain conditions. The measure also directs the State Department of Health to award grants to organizations that provide healthcare services to mothers and infants for the purpose of reducing the rates of maternal mortality and infant mortality by 3% within the 5 years of the measure's effective date. No grants will be awarded to organizations that provide abortion services.

Lastly, the measure declares an emergency.

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Fiscal Analysis

After review, SB 960 has no fiscal or revenue considerations to the state.

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Other Considerations

None.