

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

The CS for 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 CS 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. Providers or rescuers that install such a device shall be responsible for the cost of installation and maintenance. 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.

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