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Research Analysis

HB 3052, as introduced, creates the "Sir Major White-Bullock Child Protection and Family Notification Act," which requires the Department of Human Services to initiate an enhanced child safety review when a parent has a second or any subsequent drug-exposed infant. Upon triggering an enhanced child safety review, DHS must identify and notify qualified familial child welfare stakeholders, unless the court finds that this would post an immediate safety risk to the child or parent. DHS may not withhold notification solely on confidentiality grounds when the child's safety is at risk due to repeat exposure and the notified party is being considered for placement or protective involvement.

When repeat prenatal drug exposure is identified, the courts must minimally consider immediate safety planning prior to hospital discharge, supervised visitation requirements, kinship placement preference over foster placement, court-ordered substance use treatment with compliance monitoring, and referral to specialized maternal addiction treatment program. DHS must establish a repeat prenatal exposure tracking mechanism and the measure established requirements for what the court must do in cases involving repeat prenatal drug exposure. Nothing in this act will criminalize pregnancy or substance use disorder, deny access to reunification services, or eliminate parental rights without court findings. DHS must promulgate rules within 180 days of enactment and provide training to Department staff, hospitals, and courts.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 3052 establishes the Sir Major White-Bullock Child Protection and Family Notification Act to enhance child safety and promote early intervention for drug-exposed infants. The measure directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) to implement the provisions of the Act. It is expected to be manageable within DHS's existing resources; therefore, HB 3052 is not anticipated to have a direct fiscal impact on the state budget.

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Other Considerations

None.

