

Legislative Analysis



MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INSURANCE RELATING TO PERINATAL CARE SERVICES

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Senate Bill 821 (S-1) as passed by the House
Sponsor: Sen. Mary Cavanagh
House Committee: Health Policy [Discharged]
Senate Committee: Housing and Human Services
Complete to 12-17-24

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SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 821 would require an insurer that offers medical malpractice insurance to provide the Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS), annually on a date determined by the director of DIFS, with information about the insurer's policies related to perinatal care services.¹ The information would have to be provided in a manner determined by DIFS. Within 60 days after receiving the information, DIFS would have to submit it to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), which would use the information for a report that Senate Bill 818 would require it to make to the legislature once every three years.

Senate Bill 821 cannot take effect unless Senate Bill 818 is also enacted.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 821 would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on the Department of Insurance and Financial Services. The bill would require medical malpractice insurers to provide DIFS with information about their policies related to perinatal care services. DIFS would be required to provide the information received to DHHS. This may result in administrative costs for the department, though any costs incurred are likely to be minimal.

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¹ The perinatal period begins a few weeks before birth and ends a few weeks after birth and includes labor and birth.