

Department of Planning and Budget

2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB 22

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron Lucas, L. Louise

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Child abuse or neglect; change in requirement for 'safe haven' law pertaining to infants

5. Summary/Purpose: Adds a requirement that a baby that is delivered to a qualifying hospital or rescue squad in order for the parent to have an affirmative defense to prosecution for abuse or neglect be delivered in a manner that is reasonably calculated to ensure the child's safety. The 2003 "safe haven" legislation provided that when a parent voluntarily delivers a child no older than 14 days to a hospital or rescue squad, the parent will have an affirmative defense to prosecution for abuse or neglect, if the abuse or neglect prosecution is based solely upon having left the baby at such facility.

6. No Fiscal Impact

7. Budget amendment necessary: No

8. Fiscal implications: None

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: None

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: None

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