

House Health and Human Services Committee

2/28/2025

Bill: 1st Substitute SB 57 – Newborn Relinquishment Amendments

Sponsor: Senator David P. Hinkins

Floor Sponsor: Representative Steve Eliason

UASD Position: Support; UASD Amended

This Bill amends provisions related to the safe relinquishment of a newborn child.

Discussion: Senator Hinkins presented the Bill. Under current law, a newborn is defined as 30 days old or younger; this Bill extends that definition to include newborns aged 90 days or younger. Patrice Arent of The Newborn Safe Haven Advisory Board spoke of the importance of educating new generations about the Safe Haven laws. She shared the experience of a college student who was relinquished as an infant and the impact that it's had on his and his adoptive family's lives. A member of the public and additional members of The Newborn Safe Haven Advisory Board spoke in support of the Bill.

Yeas: 10

Nays: 0

N/V: 4

Outcome: 1st Substitute SB 57 passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.

Bill: 1st Substitute SB 209 – Emergency Medical Services

Sponsor: Senator Derrin R. Owens

Floor Sponsor: Representative James A. Dunnigan

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill addresses emergency medical services.

Discussion: Senator Owens explained that SB 209 is a “cleanup Bill”. He spoke to the 1st Substitute, which was adopted by the Committee. The Bill establishes the Emergency Medical Services (“EMS”) Critical Needs Account and designates ambulance services as an essential service. The Bill increases grant funding to \$200,000, corrects multiple Code references, and updates the role of the Peer Review Board. It also requires the Bureau of EMS to issue a Class A notice as part of the notification process. Bo Mason from the Department of Public Safety, presenting with the sponsor, spoke in support of the Bill. There was no public comment to the Bill.

Yeas: 11

Nays: 0

N/V: 3

Outcome: 1st Substitute SB 209 passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.

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