

AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Date Prepared: 14FEB25 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: SB360 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

		Agency Name and Code
Sponsor:	Sen. Michael Padilla, Sen. David M. Gallegos	Number: <u>790 – Department of Public Safety</u>
Short Title:	SAFE HAVEN FOR INFANTS ACT CHANGE	Person Writing: <u>Matthew Broom, Deputy Chief</u>
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
NFI	NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	NF	NFI	NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: Related to 2024 SB91 and 2023 SB11 and HB327
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Adds provisions to the Safe Haven for Infants Act addressing relinquishment of an infant in an infant safety device, notification to law enforcement, confidentiality, and immunity for a safe haven site and its staff. Modifies the duties of the Children, Youth, and Families Department for a relinquished infant.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No Fiscal Impact to DPS.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES - The Safe Haven for Infants Act seeks to provide a safe and legal option for parents who are unable to care for their newborns, offering a critical lifeline to protect the well-being of infants and reduce the risk of harm or abandonment. Furthermore, it provides limited immunity for safe haven sites and their staff to encourage the safe, non-judgmental handling of these sensitive situations. This law represents an important step forward in protecting both vulnerable infants and parents in crisis, providing a compassionate, structured, and legally sound solution to infant abandonment.

Senate Bill 360 introduces the use of infant safety devices, which would provide a secure and controlled environment for parents to relinquish their infants. By installing these devices at designated safe haven sites, such as fire stations, hospitals, and law enforcement agencies that are staffed around the clock, the bill reduces the risk of harm to infants who might otherwise be abandoned in unsafe locations. The provisions of this bill provide clear, accessible, and legally protected alternatives for parents to relinquish their infants. This supports public safety by ensuring that infants are not left in harmful situations but are instead placed in proper, monitored settings where they can be cared for immediately. Moreover, the bill emphasizes the confidentiality of information about relinquished infants. Unauthorized disclosure is punishable by fines, building trust in the system and encouraging parents to use the safe haven option without fear of exposure.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

No Performance Implications to DPS.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

No Administrative Implications to DPS.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

No conflict, duplication, companionship or relationship to DPS.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

No Technical Issues for DPS.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

No other substantive issues to DPS.

ALTERNATIVES

Not applicable as no impact to DPS.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status Quo will remain.

AMENDMENTS

None at this time.