



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2006
Committee Statement
LB 1088

Hearing Date: February 1, 2006
Committee On: Health and Human Services

Introducer(s): (Thompson, Aguilar)
Title: Promote awareness of sudden infant death syndrome and shaken baby syndrome

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- X Advanced to General File
 - Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

5	Yes	Senator Jensen, Cunningham, Johnson, Stuthman and Howard
	No	
1	Present, not voting	Senator Erdman
1	Absent	Senator Byars

Proponents:

Senator Thompson
Judge Larry Gendler
Mary Jo Pankoke
Mary Vondra
Sandra Markley
Georgina Scurfield
Annette Harmon
Deborah Weston

Representing:

Introducer
Self
Self
CASA
Sarpy County Attorneys Office
CASA
Nebraska Nurses Association
The Arc of Nebraska

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Roger Keetle

Representing:

Nebraska Hospital Association

Summary of purpose and/or changes: LB 1088 relates to public awareness and training regarding sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) and shaken baby syndrome (SBS). Section 1 contains legislative findings relating to SIDS. Section 2 contains legislative findings relating to SBS.

Section 3 provides requirements for hospitals, birth centers, and other medical facilities that discharge newborn children. Such facilities must request each maternity patient and father of a newborn child, if available, (1) to view a video presentation and read printed materials

approved by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS or department), and (2) sign a form stating that he or she viewed the presentation and read the printed material or refused to do so. The presentation, written materials, and forms must be provided by the department.

Section 4 requires the department to conduct public awareness activities designed to promote the prevention of SIDS and SBS. Including but not limited to public service announcements, information kits and brochures, and the promotion of preventative telephone hotlines.

Section 5 deletes obsolete provisions and amends section 43-2606 relating to training requirements for providers of child care and school-age-care programs. The bill provides that training requirements for such providers must include information on SIDS, SBS, and child abuse.

Section 6 amends section 79-1902 which requires packets entitled “Learning Begins at Birth” to be developed by the State Department of Education, in cooperation with the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure, and the Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support. LB 1088 would require such packets to include information on the prevention of SIDS and SBS.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Jim Jensen, Chairperson