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Committee of Conference Report on SB 549-FN-A, relative to plans of safe care for infants affected by substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms from prenatal drug exposure or fetal alcohol spectrum disorder.

Recommendation:

That the Senate recede from its position of nonconcurrency with the House amendment, and concur with the House amendment, and

That the Senate and House adopt the following new amendment to the bill as amended by the House, and pass the bill as so amended:

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

1 New Sections; Protection for Maternity and Infancy; Plan of Safe Care. Amend RSA 132 by inserting after section 10-d the following new sections:

132:10-e Development of a Plan of Safe Care. When an infant is born with and identified as being affected by substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure or a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder, the health care provider shall develop a plan of safe care, in cooperation with the infant's parents or guardians and the department of health and human services, division of public health services, as appropriate, to ensure the safety and well-being of the infant, to address the health and substance use treatment needs of the infant and affected family members or caregivers, and to ensure that appropriate referrals are made and services are delivered to the infant and affected family members or caregivers. The plan shall take into account whether the infant's prenatal drug exposure occurred as the result of medication assisted treatment, or medication prescribed for the mother by a health care provider, and whether the infant's mother is or will be actively engaged in ongoing substance use disorder treatment following discharge that would mitigate the future risk of harm to the infant. A copy of the plan of safe care shall be included in the instructions for the infant upon discharge from the hospital or from the health care provider involved in the development of the plan of safe care. The plan of safe care shall not be submitted to the department of health and human services unless it is pursuant to RSA 132:10-f or the department makes an official request for a copy of the plan in compliance with confidentiality requirements.

132:10-f Mandatory Reporting. When a health care provider suspects that an infant has been abused or neglected pursuant to RSA 169-C:3, the provider shall report to the department of health and human services in accordance with RSA 169-C:29. If the infant has a plan of safe care developed under RSA 132:10-e, a copy of the plan shall accompany the report.

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The signatures below attest to the authenticity of this Report on SB 549-FN-A, relative to plans of safe care for infants affected by substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms from prenatal drug exposure or fetal alcohol spectrum disorder.

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