

AMENDMENTS TO LB876

Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:

3 Section 1. Sections 1 and 2 of this act and section 29-121 shall be
4 known and may be cited as the Newborn Safe Haven Act.

5 Sec. 2. (1) Subject to available funding, it is the intent of the
6 Legislature to appropriate sixty-five thousand dollars to the Department
7 of Health and Human Services for fiscal year 2024-25 and ten thousand
8 dollars each fiscal year thereafter, to develop, implement, and maintain
9 a public information program to inform the general public of the Newborn
10 Safe Haven Act.

11 (2) Components of the program shall include, but not be limited to:

12 (a) Creation and maintenance of a permanent, interactive website
13 that provides information to the public about the Newborn Safe Haven Act,
14 including authorized drop-off locations;

15 (b) Distribution of literature at statewide locations, as determined
16 by the department, including the toll-free telephone number of the
17 National Safe Haven Alliance;

18 (c) Development of educational, promotional, and informational
19 materials in print, audio, video, electronic, and other media formats
20 which includes the toll-free telephone number of the National Safe Haven
21 Alliance; and

22 (d) Training to carry out the provisions of the Newborn Safe Haven
23 Act for emergency care providers, 911 operators, hospital staff,
24 firefighters, law enforcement officers, or any member of the public
25 expressing an interest in such training.

26 Sec. 3. Section 29-121, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
27 amended to read:

1 29-121 (1) No person shall be prosecuted for any crime based solely
2 upon the act of leaving a child ~~ninety~~ thirty days old or younger in the
3 custody of an employee on duty at: (a) A a hospital licensed by the State
4 of Nebraska; (b) a staffed fire station; (c) a staffed law enforcement
5 agency; or (d) an emergency care provider.

6 (2) The hospital, staffed fire station, staffed law enforcement
7 agency, or emergency care provider shall promptly contact appropriate
8 authorities to take custody of the child.

9 Sec. 4. Original section 29-121, Reissue Revised Statutes of
10 Nebraska, is repealed.