

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB60

Hearing Date: Thursday January 24, 2019
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Cavanaugh
One Liner: Change terminology relating to shaken baby syndrome

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Arch, Cavanaugh, Hansen, B., Howard, Murman, Walz,
Williams
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Machaela Cavanaugh
Jeffrey Stec

Representing:

Introducer
Madonna Rehabilitation Hospitals

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 60 updates and replaces all references to "shaken baby syndrome" with "abusive head trauma" or "abusive head trauma in infants and children," in several statutes relating to child care provider training, information given to new parents by health care facilities, and public awareness activities by the state.

LB 60 also adds crying plans to the training requirements of child care and school-age-care programs (Sec. 1(3)) as well as adding information about crying plans to the information given to parents by hospitals, birth centers, and other medical facilities that discharge a newborn child (Sec. 3).

Section 2 of the bill also strikes the language defining shaken baby syndrome.

Section 5 of the bill amends the description of the information in the "Learning Begins at Birth" packet given to every parent in the state. The language is amended to refer to decreasing the risk, rather than preventing, unexplained infant death syndrome and changes the shaken baby syndrome language to "abusive head trauma in infants and children."

Explanation of amendments:

AM17 to LB 60 inserts a reference to "abusive head trauma in infants and children" in Section 3 (Page 3, line 25) so that the information parents may receive about safety measure to prevent harm to the child would include safety measures regarding abusive head trauma.

It also changes the language regarding the dangers of infants sleeping "in the same bed" with other children or adults by striking the "in the same bed" language and replacing it with "on the same surface." (Page 3, line 27.)

Sara Howard, Chairperson