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Brief Title: Requiring identification of substance-affected infants and providing treatment services to their mothers.

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Provides that, in an effort to reduce the harmful effects of drug-affected infants: (1) A woman's primary health care provider shall: (i) identify and screen pregnant and lactating women according to the criteria developed by the department of health pursuant to chapter 70.83E RCW; (ii) convey to the infant's primary health care provider screening findings that would suggest the need for testing of the infant, or conduct the testing; (iii) inform the birth mother of an infant who tests positive that she can have a tubal ligation at no cost to her within six months following the birth; and (iv) inform the birth mother of an infant who tests positive of appropriate drug treatment and birth control services.

(2) The provider shall not be liable for a decision regarding testing or reporting unless the decision amounts to gross negligence or intentional misconduct.

Provides that the health care provider of a newborn infant shall: (1) Test any infant the provider reasonably believes is drug-affected; and

(2) notify the department of the name and address of the parent or parents of a drug-affected infant.

Declares that the provider shall not be liable for a decision regarding testing or reporting unless the decision amounts to gross negligence or intentional misconduct.

Directs the department to investigate all reports received under this act.

Establishes procedures for the filing of dependency petitions.

Repeals RCW 18.57.930, 18.71.960, 18.79.904, 70.96A.330, and 70.96A.340.