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By Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Patterson, Stevens, Long, Hargrove, Rossi, Winsley, McAuliffe and Rasmussen)

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1 AN ACT Relating to drug-affected infants; amending RCW 70.83E.020;
2 and adding a new section to chapter 70.83E RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.83E RCW
5 to be codified between RCW 70.83E.010 and 70.83E.020 to read as
6 follows:

7 In an effort to reduce the harmful effects of drug-affected
8 infants:

9 (1) A woman's primary health care provider shall screen a pregnant
10 or lactating woman for nonprescription use of controlled substances.
11 Screening criteria may include, but is not limited to, the criteria
12 developed by the department of health pursuant to chapter 70.83E RCW.

13 (2) Health care providers shall:

14 (a) Screen pregnant women for nonprescription use of controlled
15 substances if they seek medical attention at the time of delivery and
16 indicate that they have received little or no prenatal health care.
17 Screening criteria may include, but is not limited to, the criteria
18 developed by the department of health pursuant to chapter 70.83E RCW;
19 and

1 (b) Convey to the infant's primary health care provider screening
2 findings that would suggest the need for testing of the infant, or
3 conduct the testing.

4 (3) This section does not apply to drug-affected infants born
5 before the effective date of this act.

6 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.83E.020 and 1998 c 93 s 2 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 The department of health, in consultation with appropriate medical
9 professionals, shall develop screening criteria for use in identifying
10 pregnant or lactating women addicted to drugs or alcohol who are at
11 risk of producing a drug-affected (~~baby~~) infant. The department
12 shall also develop training protocols for medical professionals related
13 to the identification and screening of women at risk of producing a
14 drug-affected (~~baby~~) infant.

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