

**HB 2115 - DIGEST**

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/09/05)

Declares an intent to notify all pregnant mothers who are receiving methadone treatment of the risks and benefits methadone could have on their baby during pregnancy through birth and to inform them of the potential need for the newborn baby to be taken care of in a hospital setting or in a specialized supportive environment designed specifically to address newborn addiction problems.

Directs the department to adopt rules that require all opiate treatment programs to educate all pregnant women in their program on the benefits and risks of methadone treatment to their fetus before they are provided these medications, as part of their addiction treatment.