



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 138**

February Session, 2018

Substitute Senate Bill No. 325

*Senate, March 29, 2018*

The Committee on Children reported through SEN. MOORE, M. of the 22nd Dist. and SEN. SUZIO of the 13th Dist., Chairpersons of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE ADEQUACY OF CERTAIN NOTICE PROVIDED TO MOTHERS OF STILLBORN FETUSES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2018*) The Commissioner of Public Health  
2 shall conduct a study concerning the adequacy of notice provided to  
3 mothers by hospitals in this state regarding the right of such mothers  
4 to arrange for burial or cremation of stillborn fetuses delivered by such  
5 mothers in such hospitals. Such study shall include, but not be limited  
6 to, the form, content and adequacy of such notice, the adequacy of  
7 hospitals' policies regarding such notice and the appropriateness of the  
8 timing of such notice during such mothers' hospital admissions. Not  
9 later than January 1, 2019, the commissioner shall submit a report to  
10 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
11 cognizance of matters relating to public health and children, in  
12 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.  
13 Such report shall include, but not be limited to, the findings of such  
14 study and recommendations for a uniform policy to be implemented

15 in hospitals in this state concerning the form, content and timing of  
16 such notice. For the purposes of this section, "stillborn fetuses" means  
17 fetuses that died after a gestation period of twenty weeks or more.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	New section

**KID**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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***OFA Fiscal Note******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill, which requires the Department of Public Health to conduct a study on the adequacy of hospital notice provided to mothers of stillborn fetuses on their rights to arrange for burial/cremation, does not result in a fiscal impact to the agency.

***The Out Years******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 12    Nay 0    (03/15/2018)