

Newborn Relinquishment Amendments

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: David P. Hinkins

House Sponsor: Steve Eliason

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions related to the safe relinquishment of a newborn child.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- amends the definition of "newborn child" as that term is used in provisions concerning the safe relinquishment of a newborn child.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates \$104,000 in operating and capital budgets for fiscal year 2026, all of which is from the General Fund.

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

80-4-501, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 330

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **80-4-501** is amended to read:

80-4-501 . Definitions.

As used in this part:

(1) "Hospital" means a general acute hospital, as that term is defined in Section 26B-2-201, that is:

(a) equipped with an emergency room;

(b) open 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

(c) employs full-time health care professionals who have emergency medical services training.

(2) "Newborn child" means a child who is approximately [30] 90 days old or younger, as determined within a reasonable degree of medical certainty.

Section 2. FY 2026 Appropriations.

The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2026.

Subsection 2(a). Operating and Capital Budgets

Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

ITEM 1 To Department of Health and Human Services - Children, Youth, & Families

From General Fund	84,000
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Schedule of Programs:

Family Health	84,000
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The Legislature intends that the Department of Health and Human Services use the ongoing appropriation under this item for the Newborn Safe Haven program.

ITEM 2 To Department of Health and Human Services - Children, Youth, & Families

From General Fund, One-time	20,000
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Schedule of Programs:

Family Health	20,000
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The Legislature intends that the Department of Health and Human Services use the one-time appropriation under this item for training and educational outreach materials related to the Newborn Safe Haven program.

Section 3. Effective Date.

This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.