


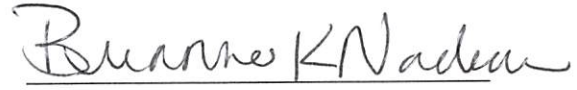


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25 To establish a baby box program to distribute baby boxes at the birth of a child at no-cost to
26 parents to reduce infant mortality in the District; to provide education and training on safe
27 sleeping arrangements for infants; to provide baby boxes to foster youth with infants; to
28 require DOH to report on the outcomes of baby box program on infant mortality
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30 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
31 act may be cited as the “Infant Mortality Reduction Program Act of 2017”.

32 Sec. 2. Infant mortality reduction program.

33 (a) For the purposes of this act, the term “baby box” means boxes lined with a firm
34 mattress and a fitted sheet such that it can serve as a safe sleep place for a newborn. Baby boxes
35 shall contain newborn infant care essentials aimed at promoting safe sleeping practices and
36 reducing Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (“SIDS”).

37 (b) Within one year of the effective date of this act, the Department of Health (“DOH”)
38 shall establish a program that provides baby boxes at birth of a child at no-cost to parents who
39 reside in the District.

40 (c) DOH shall coordinate with hospitals and medical centers to maintain, store, and
41 distribute baby boxes for newborns.

42 (d) DOH, in collaboration with agencies, businesses, or nonprofit organizations, shall
43 develop curriculum to provide education and training to parents on baby box usage, safe sleep
44 practices, and general infant wellness.

45 (e) DOH shall provide baby boxes to the Child and Family Services Agency, who shall
46 distribute the baby boxes to foster youth with infants.

47 (f) DOH shall transmit a report to the Council within one year of the implementation of
48 the program, which shall analyze the quality, appropriateness, and effectiveness of the program
49 in reducing infant mortality related to SIDS.

50 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

51 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
52 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
53 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

54 Sec. 4. Effective date.

55 This act shall take effect after approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
56 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as
57 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
58 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
59 Columbia Register.