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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The purpose of the proposed legislation is to amend the Informed Consent Law to provide information specific to babies diagnosed with Down Syndrome. Studies indicate that the abortion rate for pre-born babies with Down syndrome may be as high as 90%. This bill would require the Department of Health and Welfare to provide mothers in such circumstances with information about the resources available, in both the public and private sectors, to help support a decision to choose life for her baby.

FISCAL NOTE

It is estimated that this legislation will cost no more than \$10,000 for the Department to update its printed and on-line materials, which are already required under IC 18-609.

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