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Kenai

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Razdolna

Ridgeway

Seldovia

Soldotna

Voznesenka

Explanation of Changes in Committee Substitute

CS SB 87 Version "Y"-NEWBORN SCREENING FOR HEART DEFECTS

The committee substitute makes a number of changes to the original version of the bill as follows:

- The bill is expanded to require the pulse oximetry screening not only for newborns born at birthing facilities, but all attended births (by a midwife, nurse or other qualified professional), including attended home births.
- The delayed effective date will apply to providers attending fewer than 20 births per year. The original bill calculated the delayed effective date based on the number of beds in a facility.
- The Department of Health and Social Services will be required to simply collect from each provider, the number of screenings conducted and the results of those screenings. The original bill included an elaborate reporting system with the department required to follow up on interventive treatment.
- The department will conduct the data collection and reporting within its existing structure and with no additional costs (i.e. zero fiscal note).