

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2026 General Assembly Session  
State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** SB36

**Patron:** Favola

**Bill Title:** Child abuse or neglect; prenatal use of a controlled substance or drug as prescribed.

**Bill Summary:** Clarifies that a pregnant woman's prenatal use of a controlled substance or drug as prescribed by such woman's health care provider shall not solely be a reason to suspect that a child is abused or neglected.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**Items Impacted:** n/a

**Explanation:** No fiscal impact is expected.

**Fiscal Summary:** There is no anticipated impact to state resources resulting from this bill.

**Fiscal Analysis:** The Department of Social Services reports that this legislation codifies the existing practice for local departments of social services seeking to determine the validity of child abuse or neglect reports alleging a substance-exposed infant; accordingly, it is not expected that this legislation will result in any new fiscal impacts.

**Other:** HB283 may be a companion to this bill.