

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

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**ORIGINAL**

**Bill Number:** SB291E

**Patron:** Aird

**Bill Title:** Health, State Board of, regulations; standards for levels of neonatal care.

**Bill Summary:** The bill, as amended, directs the State Board of Health to utilize standards for designation of care in neonatal services to be consistent with but not necessarily identical to the standards published by the American Academy of Pediatrics. That the Board of Health shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this act by July 1, 2027. That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person shall be subject to any penalty, sanction, or enforcement action for noncompliance with regulations promulgated pursuant to the second enactment of this act prior to July 1, 2029. The provisions of this act shall become enforceable on July 1, 2029.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**Items Impacted:** None

**Fiscal Summary:** Minimal fiscal impact.

**Fiscal Analysis:** Any increase in workload to promulgate regulations and utilize standards for designation of care in neonatal services consistent with the American Academy of Pediatrics can be handled within existing resources.

**Other:** None