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Senate BILL NO. 297

INTRODUCED BY Quake Jordan Bergman Shute
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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Fiscal Note for SB0297, as introduced

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

An act providing for reporting of death by sudden infant death syndrome; defining "sudden infant death" syndrome; and providing for an autopsy in certain infant deaths.

Assumptions:

1. The Department of Public Health and Humans Services (DPHHS) will not incur additional costs as a result of this bill.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

Dave Lewis 2-12-97

DAVE LEWIS, BUDGET DIRECTOR DATE
Office of Budget and Program Planning

Vivian Brooke 2/13/97

VIVIAN BROOKE, PRIMARY SPONSOR DATE

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