HB 92 -- Endangering the Welfare of a Child

Sponsor: Pollock

This bill creates the crime of endangering the welfare of an unborn child if a person ingests, injects, consumes, inhales, or otherwise uses heroin, cocaine, LSD, or methamphetamine while she is pregnant and knows or reasonably should have known that she was pregnant. Endangering the welfare of an unborn child is a class C felony for the first offense and a class B felony for any subsequent offense. The bill also adds heroin, cocaine, and LSD to the list of controlled substances that when manufactured, produced, prepared, sold, transported, tested, analyzed, or used in the presence or residence of a person younger than 17 years of age will be endangerment of a child in the first degree.

Any referral and associated documentation that a child has been exposed to alcohol or a Schedule I, II, or III controlled substance may be used in any criminal prosecution.