

HB 121 -- NEWBORN SAFETY INCUBATORS (Murphy)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Children and Families

Currently, newborn safety incubators are authorized to be installed in certain locations for a relinquishing parent to leave a newborn child, up to 45 days of age, without fear of prosecution. This bill modifies the age limit of a newborn infant that may be brought to a newborn safety incubator from 45 days old to 90 days old.

Additionally, the bill creates the "Safe Place for Newborns Fund" and provides that the State of Missouri will match moneys from the General Revenue Fund, in the amount of up to \$10,000 per installation of newborn safety incubators.