

SB20-028 Concerning Measures to Assist an Individual's Recovery from a Substance Use Disorder

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This bill:

- Modifies how child abuse, neglect, or dependency is determined in situations involving alcohol or substance exposure. Ensures that if an infant tests positive at birth for exposure to a schedule I or II controlled substance, the parent will not be required to receive a substantiation of child abuse based on the positive test alone.
- Requires the State Substance Abuse Trend and Response Task Force to convene stakeholders to review progress on bills introduced by the study committee and generate policy recommendations related to opioid and other substance use disorders.
- Continues the opioid interim committee for 2021 and 2023 interim legislative sessions. During the 2021 interim, requires the committee to study the impact of COVID19 on behavioral health services.
- Continues the perinatal substance use data linkage project to conduct ongoing research related to the incidence of perinatal substance use exposure or related infant and family health outcomes.



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