

5416-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections  
(originally sponsored by Senators Patterson, Stevens, Long,  
Hargrove, Rossi, Winsley, McAuliffe and Rasmussen)

Brief Description: Requiring identification of drug-affected  
infants and providing treatment services to their mothers.  
(REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Requiring screening of pregnant and  
lactating women for nonprescription use of controlled substances.)

**SB 5416-S.E - DIGEST**

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/18/02)

Declares that, in an effort to reduce the harmful effects of  
drug-affected infants: (1) A woman's primary health care provider  
shall screen a pregnant or lactating woman for nonprescription use  
of controlled substances. Screening criteria may include, but is  
not limited to, the criteria developed by the department of health  
pursuant to chapter 70.83E RCW.

(2) Health care providers shall:

(a) Screen pregnant women for nonprescription use of  
controlled substances if they seek medical attention at the time of  
delivery and indicate that they have received little or no prenatal  
health care. Screening criteria may include, but is not limited  
to, the criteria developed by the department of health pursuant to  
chapter 70.83E RCW; and

(b) Convey to the infant's primary health care provider  
screening findings that would suggest the need for testing of the  
infant, or conduct the testing.

Does not apply to drug-affected infants born before the  
effective date of this act.