

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REQUEST FOR INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL

DATE: 06/27/2025

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S):

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TOPIC OF THE PROPOSAL:

Mandates guiding hospitals, DHS, FCS, law enforcement, etc. following newborns/expectant mothers positive test for illicit substances at childbirth.

EXPLANATORY COMMENTS ON THE SCOPE OF THE STUDY PROPOSAL:

Sir Major Bullock was an 11 month old baby boy who died from a fentanyl overdose while in the care of his mother. DHS records show that the mother had an extensive history of testing positive for drugs while pregnant that dates back to 2018. It wasn't until the death of Sir Major that the mother's family was made aware of her extensive drug history. Many family members believe that had they known of the mother's struggles, Sir Major's death could have and would have been prevented.

While the family applauds the process and response of state agency following the death of Sir Major, the question persists as to if there could have been other measures taken to prior to his death that could've prevented the tragedy. What is the responsibility of the hospitals, law enforcement, DHS, FCS, and family courts when a mother is a repeat offender of drug use that endangers children? How might those responsibilities be refined to avoid other children and families from slipping through the cracks? The Aunt of Sir Major leads the charge in advocacy for children born into and living in these conditions.

If passed, "Sir Major's Law" would ensure responsible and competent family members be notified whenever an entity or agency is made aware of repeated child endangerment offenses are documented; especially those that involve illicit drug use. It would implement proactive measures/interventions prior to tragedy. This law would empower families by ensuring parents receive effective treatment, and increase the likelihood of child survival in drug abuse homes.

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