

HJR 32 Study: Prenatal Drug Use

HJR 32 asks that the Committee study best practices for reducing opioid and other drug use by pregnant women and for reducing the occurrence of neonatal abstinence syndrome in newborns. The Committee decided to limit its involvement in this study to 4 hours. The table below shows anticipated study activities.

Study Task	Meeting Date	Committee Time
1. Examine the prevalence of neonatal abstinence syndrome in Montana	September 2019	.5 hours
2. Examine whether certain areas of the state or certain populations experience a greater-than-average prevalence of neonatal abstinence syndrome	September 2019	.5 hours
3. Review efforts being undertaken in Montana communities and other states to decrease opioid use by pregnant women and mitigate the effects of opioid withdrawal in infants	November 2019 or January 2020	2 hours
4. Review information, make recommendations, develop legislation as necessary	January through August 2020	1 hour
	Total	4 hours