



CHAPTER 7B
ARTICLE 5A - SAFE SURRENDER OF INFANTS

N.C.G.S. § 7B-528.

Information to surrendering parent.

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§ 7B-528(a) The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, shall create printable and downloadable information about infant safe surrender and the rights of the parents. The information shall be written in a user-friendly manner and translated to commonly spoken and read languages in this State. The Division shall post the information on its website and make the information available for distribution to agencies where persons identified in G.S. 7B-521 are on duty and to other agencies that request the information.

§ 7B-528(b) The information shall explain each of the following:

- (1) Who is a safely surrendered infant, surrendering parent, and non-surrendering parent.
- (2) The requirements for how a safe surrender of an infant may occur under this Article.
- (3) The right to have the surrendering parent's identity remain confidential with the exception of communicating with the non-surrendering parent, known medical providers who provided treatment to the infant prior to the safe surrender, law enforcement for purposes of a missing child assessment, or a court order.
- (4) The information set forth in G.S. 7B-526(b)(3) through (b)(8).

- (5) That the information contains a relevant medical history form for the infant that would assist the department of social services in obtaining any necessary medical services for the infant and in facilitating the infant's placement, including adoption. Completing the form is optional.
- (6) An explanation that services may be available to the surrendering parent and infant accompanied by contact information for the local department of social services.

§ 7B-528(c)

The Division shall create a printable and downloadable medical history form as referred to in subsection (b) of this section, and the form must include instructions on how to complete it and where to return it. (2023-14, s. 6.2(a).)

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2 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 7B-521	(a)	"to agencies where persons identified in"
G.S. 7B-526(b)(3)	(b)(4)	"The information set forth in"

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