



2025-2026 General Assembly

HOUSE BILL 377: 2026 Court Changes, Sec. 13: Update Safe Babies Court Language to Allow Children Up to Age 5 to Participate

Analysis of: House Bill 377 (Ratified) , Sec. 13

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Section 13 of House Bill 377 would have increased eligibility to participate in Safe Babies Court to include families who have at least one child who is no more than 5 years of age.

House Bill 377 was ratified by the General Assembly on August 6, 2026, and was vetoed by the Governor on August 17, 2026.

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