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SYNOPSIS

Expands number of disorders included in newborn screening program.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 **AN ACT** concerning screening for disorders in newborn infants and
2 amending P.L.1977, c.321.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. Section 1 of P.L.1977, c.321 (C.26:2-110) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 1. It is hereby declared to be the public policy of this State that
10 in the interests of public health every effort should be made to
11 detect in newborn infants, **【**hypothyroidism, galactosemia,
12 phenylketonuria, and other biochemical**】** disorders which may
13 cause mental retardation or other permanent disabilities and to treat
14 affected individuals pursuant to P.L.1977, c.321 (C.26:2-110 et
15 seq.).

16 (cf: P.L.1988, c.24, s.2)

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18 2. Section 2 of P.L.1977, c.321 (C.26:2-111) is amended to
19 read as follows:

20 2. All infants born in this State shall be tested for
21 hypothyroidism, galactosemia**【and】**, phenylketonuria**【. The】**, cystic
22 fibrosis, congenital adrenal hyperplasia, maple syrup urine disease,
23 homocystinuria, biotinidase deficiency, medium chain acyl coa
24 dehydrogenase deficiency, HIVseropositivity, and sickle cell
25 disease and other blood abnormalities as determined by the
26 Commissioner of Health and Senior Services. The commissioner
27 shall issue regulations to assure that newborns are so tested in a
28 manner approved by the commissioner. The commissioner shall
29 ensure that treatment services are available to all identified
30 individuals.

31 The **【State】** Department of Health and Senior Services may
32 charge a reasonable fee for the tests performed pursuant to this act.
33 The amount of the fee and the procedures for collecting the fee shall
34 be determined by the commissioner. The commissioner shall apply
35 all revenues collected from the fees to the testing and treatment
36 procedures performed pursuant to this act.

37 The commissioner may also require testing of newborn infants
38 for other **【preventable biochemical】** disorders if reliable and
39 efficient testing techniques are available. If the commissioner
40 determines that an additional test shall be required, the
41 commissioner, at least 90 days prior to requiring the test 【he】, shall
42 so advise the President of the Senate, Speaker of the General
43 Assembly and chairmen of the following standing reference
44 committees: **【on Revenue, Finance】** the Senate Budget and
45 Appropriations 【and Institutions,】 Committee, the General

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 Assembly Appropriations and Budget Committees, the Senate
2 Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee, and the
3 General Assembly Health and [Welfare of his determination]
4 Human Services Committee, or their successors.

5 The commissioner shall provide a program of reviewing and
6 following up on positive cases in order that measures may be taken
7 to prevent mental retardation or other permanent disabilities.

8 Information on newborn infants and their families compiled
9 pursuant to this section may be used by the department and agencies
10 designated by the commissioner for the purposes of carrying out
11 this act, but otherwise the information shall be confidential and not
12 divulged or made public so as to disclose the identity of any person
13 to which it relates, except as provided by law. The department shall
14 conduct an intensive educational and training program among
15 physicians, hospitals, public health nurses and the public
16 concerning those [biochemical] disorders. This program shall
17 include information concerning the nature of the disorders, testing
18 for the detection of these disorders and treatment modalities for
19 these disorders.

20 The provisions of this section shall not apply if the parents of a
21 newborn infant object to the testing on the grounds that it would
22 conflict with their religious tenets or practices.

23 (cf: P.L.1988, c.24, s.3)

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25 3. This act shall take effect immediately but sections 1 and 2
26 shall remain inoperative until the first day of the fourth month
27 following enactment; provided however, the Commissioner of
28 Health and Senior Services shall take such anticipatory
29 administrative action in advance as shall be necessary for its
30 implementation.

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STATEMENT

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35 This bill expands the number of disorders for which newborn
36 infants in this State are required to be tested by statute.

37 Specifically, the bill expands the statutorily prescribed list of
38 disorders for which testing is required in N.J.S.A.26:2-111
39 (hypothyroidism, galactosemia and phenylketonuria), to include the
40 following:

41 -- cystic fibrosis, congenital adrenal hyperplasia, maple syrup
42 urine disease, biotinidase deficiency, medium chain acyl coa
43 dehydrogenase deficiency (for which testing is currently required
44 under the Statewide expansion program that began July 1, 2001);

45 -- sickle cell disease (for which testing is currently required by
46 regulation of the commissioner) and other blood abnormalities as

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1 determined by the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services;
2 and
3 -- homocystinuria and HIVseropositivity.
4 The bill also updates the names in N.J.S.A.26:2-111 of the
5 standing legislative reference committees which the commissioner
6 is required to advise in advance if the commissioner determines that
7 a test for any other disorder is to be required.