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Legislative Impact Statement

To: Chairperson Stephen M. Casey
House Health, & Human Services Committee

From: Bob Cooper, Executive Secretary

Re: 21 House 6365 AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- NEWBORN
SCREENING PROGRAM

Tuesday, June 08, 2021

The Governor's Commission on Disabilities' Legislation Committee has developed a Legislative Impact Statement on the bill listed below. The Commission would be pleased to present testimony to the committee. Please contact me (462-0102) if testimony is desired or for additional information.

Introduced By Representative Henries

This act would mandate the rules and regulations of the department of health pertaining to newborn screening to include at a minimum, newborn screening tests for all disorders and conditions for which there is a medical benefit to the early detection and treatment of the disorder or condition listed in the current federal Recommended Uniform Screening Panel and include new disorders or conditions within two (2) years unless it is not practicable to include a new disorder. This act would take effect on January 1, 2022.

Legislation Committee finds this bill Beneficial

"Newborn screening identifies conditions that can affect a child's long-term health or survival. Early detection, diagnosis, and intervention can prevent death or disability and enable children to reach their full potential. Each year, millions of babies in the U.S. are routinely screened, using a few drops of blood from the newborn's heel, for certain genetic, endocrine, and metabolic disorders, and are also tested for hearing loss and critical congenital heart defects (CCHDs) prior to discharge from a hospital or birthing center."

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/newbornscreening/index.html>

cc: Representative Henries
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