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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

**AN ACT REQUIRING NEW INFANT HEALTH SCREENING FOR
CYSTIC FIBROSIS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-55 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

3 (a) The administrative officer or other person in charge of each
4 institution caring for newborn infants shall cause to have administered
5 to every such infant in its care an HIV-related test, as defined in section
6 19a-581, a test for phenylketonuria and other metabolic diseases, cystic
7 fibrosis, hypothyroidism, galactosemia, sickle cell disease, maple syrup
8 urine disease, homocystinuria, biotinidase deficiency, congenital
9 adrenal hyperplasia and such other tests for inborn errors of
10 metabolism as shall be prescribed by the Department of Public Health.
11 The tests shall be administered as soon after birth as is medically
12 appropriate. If the mother has had an HIV-related test pursuant to
13 section 19a-90 or 19a-593, the person responsible for testing under this
14 section may omit an HIV-related test. The Commissioner of Public
15 Health shall (1) administer the newborn screening program, (2) direct
16 persons identified through the screening program to appropriate

17 specialty centers for treatments, consistent with any applicable
18 confidentiality requirements, and (3) set the fees to be charged to
19 institutions to cover all expenses of the comprehensive screening
20 program including testing, tracking and treatment. The fees to be
21 charged pursuant to subdivision (3) of this subsection shall be set at a
22 minimum of twenty-eight dollars. The commissioner shall adopt
23 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the
24 provisions of this section. The Commissioner of Public Health shall
25 publish a list of all the abnormal conditions for which the department
26 screens newborns under the newborn screening program, which shall
27 include screening for amino acid disorders, organic acid disorders and
28 fatty acid oxidation disorders, including, but not limited to, long-chain
29 3-hydroxyacyl CoA dehydrogenase (L-CHAD) and medium-chain
30 acyl-CoA dehydrogenase (MCAD).

31 (b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any infant whose
32 parents object to the test or treatment as being in conflict with their
33 religious tenets and practice.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2008	19a-55

PH *Joint Favorable*