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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT REQUIRING THE ADMINISTRATION OF A SCREENING TEST FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS TO NEWBORN INFANTS.

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 Section 19a-55 of the general statutes is repealed and the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, 2009*):

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,
7 hypothyroidism, galactosemia, sickle cell disease, maple syrup urine
8 disease, homocystinuria, biotinidase deficiency, congenital adrenal
9 hyperplasia and such other tests for inborn errors of metabolism as
10 shall be prescribed by the Department of Public Health. The tests shall
11 be administered as soon after birth as is medically appropriate. If the
12 mother has had an HIV-related test pursuant to section 19a-90 or 19a-
13 593, the person responsible for testing under this section may omit an
14 HIV-related test. The Commissioner of Public Health shall (1)
15 administer the newborn screening program, (2) direct persons
16 identified through the screening program to appropriate specialty

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

31 (b) In addition to the testing requirements prescribed in subsection
 32 (a) of this section, the administrative officer or other person in charge
 33 of each institution caring for newborn infants shall cause to have
 34 administered to every such infant in its care a screening test for cystic
 35 fibrosis. Such screening test shall be administered as soon after birth as
 36 is medically appropriate.

37 [(b)] (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any infant
 38 whose parents object to the test or treatment as being in conflict with
 39 their religious tenets and practice.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2009	19a-55

PH *Joint Favorable*