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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE TIMEFRAME TO COMPLETE NEWBORN HEALTH SCREENINGS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-55 of the 2014 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

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

16 administer the newborn screening program, (2) direct persons
17 identified through the screening program to appropriate specialty
18 centers for treatments, consistent with any applicable confidentiality
19 requirements, and (3) set the fees to be charged to institutions to cover
20 all expenses of the comprehensive screening program including
21 testing, tracking and treatment. The fees to be charged pursuant to
22 subdivision (3) of this subsection shall be set at a minimum of fifty-six
23 dollars. The Commissioner of Public Health shall publish a list of all
24 the abnormal conditions for which the department screens newborns
25 under the newborn screening program, which shall include screening
26 for amino acid disorders, organic acid disorders and fatty acid
27 oxidation disorders, including, but not limited to, long-chain 3-
28 hydroxyacyl CoA dehydrogenase (L-CHAD) and medium-chain acyl-
29 CoA dehydrogenase (MCAD).

30 (b) In addition to the testing requirements prescribed in subsection
31 (a) of this section, the administrative officer or other person in charge
32 of each institution caring for newborn infants shall cause to have
33 administered to every such infant in its care (1) a screening test for
34 cystic fibrosis, (2) a screening test for severe combined
35 immunodeficiency disease, and (3) [on and after January 1, 2013,] a
36 screening test for critical congenital heart disease. Such screening tests
37 shall be administered as soon after birth as is medically appropriate.

38 (c) On and after the occurrence of the following: (1) The
39 development and validation of a reliable methodology for screening
40 newborns for adrenoleukodystrophy using dried blood spots and
41 quality assurance testing methodology for such test or the approval of
42 a test for adrenoleukodystrophy using dried blood spots by the federal
43 Food and Drug Administration; and (2) the availability of any
44 necessary reagents for such test, the administrative officer or other
45 person in charge of each institution caring for newborn infants shall
46 cause to have administered to every such infant in its care a test for
47 adrenoleukodystrophy.

48 (d) Each specimen submitted by an institution caring for a newborn
49 infant to the Department of Public Health for purposes of conducting
50 the screening tests described in this section shall be tested at the
51 Department of Public Health's laboratory and the results of such
52 screenings reported to the infant's primary care provider not later than
53 twenty-four hours after the institution's submission of the specimen.

54 [(d)] (e) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any infant
55 whose parents object to the test or treatment as being in conflict with
56 their religious tenets and practice. The commissioner shall adopt
57 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to
58 implement the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2014	19a-55

Statement of Purpose:

To specify the timeframe for processing newborn health screening results.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]