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Committee Bill No. 5525

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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING CYTOMEGALOVIRUS.

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 Section 19a-55 of the general statutes is repealed and the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 July 1, 2015*):

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 fifty-six
22 dollars. The Commissioner of Public Health shall publish a list of all
23 the abnormal conditions for which the department screens newborns
24 under the newborn screening program, which shall include screening
25 for amino acid disorders, organic acid disorders and fatty acid
26 oxidation disorders, including, but not limited to, long-chain 3-
27 hydroxyacyl CoA dehydrogenase (L-CHAD) and medium-chain acyl-
28 CoA dehydrogenase (MCAD).

29 (b) In addition to the testing requirements prescribed in subsection
30 (a) of this section, the administrative officer or other person in charge
31 of each institution caring for newborn infants shall cause to have
32 administered to (1) every such infant in its care [(1)] a screening test for
33 (A) cystic fibrosis, [(2) a screening test for] (B) severe combined
34 immunodeficiency disease, and [(3)] (C) on and after January 1, 2013,
35 [a screening test for] critical congenital heart disease, and (2) on and
36 after January 1, 2016, any newborn infant who fails a newborn hearing
37 screening, as described in section 19a-59, within available
38 appropriations, a screening test for cytomegalovirus. Such screening
39 tests shall be administered as soon after birth as is medically
40 appropriate.

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

50 adrenoleukodystrophy.

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2015	19a-55

Statement of Purpose:

To require a screening test for cytomegalovirus for newborns who fail a newborn hearing screening.

[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.]

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