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BILL NUMBER: SHB 5441
FILE NUMBER:
AMENDMENTS:

TITLE: "AN ACT CONCERNING NEWBORN SCREENING"

FAVORABLY REPORTED BY Public Health, Appropriations

SUMMARY: This bill expands the number of diseases for which newborns are screened. It further designates the Bureau of Community Health within the Department of Health Services as the lead bureau in administering the newborn screening program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/1/92

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER SHB 5441

STATE IMPACT Implements a Provision in the Budget, see below

MUNICIPAL IMPACT None

STATE AGENCY(S) Department of Health Services

	Current FY	1992-93	1993-94
State Cost (savings)	:	: \$62,300	: :
St Revenue (loss)	:	: see below	: :
Net St Cost (savings)	:	:	: :
Municipal Impact	:	:	: :

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

Funding, in the amount of \$62,300, has been included within SHB 5100 (the Appropriations Act, as favorably reported from the Appropriations Committee) for fiscal year 1992-93 to reflect costs associated with performing newborn screens for additional diseases. These costs include \$20,000 for necessary modifications to the Connecticut State Laboratory's computer system and \$42,300 to support additional testing costs.

Additionally, the bill requires the DOHS to establish fees to cover all expenses of the comprehensive screening program, including testing, tracking and treatment. Currently, the State Laboratory charges \$18

per child for testing. This fee generates an estimated \$918,000 annually, which exceeds anticipated SFY 1992-93 expenditures for testing, tracking and treatment (including fringe benefit costs). As such, no revenue impact is associated with this provision.