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BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 714

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “that” in line 3 down through “disease” in line 5 and substitute “the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt certain federal recommendations on critical congenital heart disease screening in newborns under certain circumstances; requiring the State Advisory Council on Hereditary and Congenital Disorders to develop certain recommendations for critical congenital heart disease screening of newborns in the State; requiring the Advisory Council to convene certain experts to provide certain information; requiring the Advisory Council to examine the impact of implementing mandatory critical congenital heart disease screening; requiring the Advisory Council to review certain studies and literature; requiring the Advisory Council to submit a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the State Advisory Council on Hereditary and Congenital Disorders and newborn screening for critical congenital heart disease”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 25, strike the brackets; and strike beginning with the semicolon in line 27 down through “DISEASE” in line 28.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, after line 20, insert:

“(E) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, IF THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ISSUES FEDERAL RECOMMENDATIONS ON CRITICAL CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE SCREENING OF NEWBORNS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT THE FEDERAL SCREENING RECOMMENDATIONS.

(Over)

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The State Advisory Council on Hereditary and Congenital Disorders shall develop recommendations on the implementation of critical congenital heart disease screening of newborns in the State in accordance with this section.

(b) The Advisory Council shall:

(1) convene experts from the State's academic medical centers and any other hospital that the Advisory Council considers appropriate, as well as other State organizations and professional groups, to provide information for the development of recommendations for critical congenital heart disease screening of newborns in the State;

(2) examine the impact of implementing mandatory critical congenital heart disease screening, including an examination of costs, insurance reimbursement, necessary medical equipment and staff training, screening protocols and quality oversight, and risk of harm; and

(3) review medical and public health studies and literature across a broad range of newborn delivery systems with respect to critical congenital heart disease screening of newborns.

(c) On or before December 31, 2011, the Advisory Council shall submit its findings and recommendations on the implementation of critical congenital heart disease screening of newborns in a report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article.

(d) Notwithstanding any recommendation developed by the Advisory Council under this section, if the Secretary of Health and Human Services issues federal

recommendations on critical congenital heart disease screening of newborns, the Department shall adopt the federal screening recommendations in accordance with § 13-111(e) of the Health – General Article as enacted by this Act.”;

and in line 21, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.