

SENATE BILL 242

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Department of Health – System for Newborn Screening –**
3 **Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the system for newborn screening in the Maryland
5 Department of Health to include screening for each condition listed in the U.S.
6 Department of Health and Human Services' Recommended Uniform Screening
7 Panel; and generally relating to the system for newborn screening.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Health – General
10 Section 13–111
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Health – General**

16 13–111.

17 (a) The Department shall establish a coordinated statewide system for screening
18 all newborn infants in the State for certain hereditary and congenital disorders associated
19 with severe problems of health or development, except when the parent or guardian of the
20 newborn infant objects.

21 (b) Except as provided in § 13–112 of this subtitle, the Department's public health
22 laboratory is the sole laboratory authorized to perform tests on specimens from newborn
23 infants collected to screen for hereditary and congenital disorders as determined under
24 subsection (d)(2) of this section.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) The system for newborn screening shall include:

2 (1) Laboratory testing and the reporting of test results; and

3 (2) Follow-up activities to facilitate the rapid identification and treatment
4 of an affected child.

5 (d) In consultation with the State Advisory Council on Hereditary and Congenital
6 Disorders, the Department shall:

7 (1) Establish protocols for a health care provider to obtain and deliver test
8 specimens to the Department's public health laboratory;

9 (2) Determine the screening tests that the Department's public health
10 laboratory is required to perform;

11 (3) Maintain a coordinated statewide system for newborn screening that
12 carries out the purpose described in subsection (c) of this section that includes:

13 (i) Communicating the results of screening tests to the health care
14 provider of the newborn infant;

15 (ii) Locating newborn infants with abnormal test results;

16 (iii) Sharing newborn screening information between hospitals,
17 health care providers, treatment centers, and laboratory personnel;

18 (iv) Delivering needed clinical, diagnostic, and treatment
19 information to health care providers, parents, and caregivers; and

20 (v) Notifying parents and guardians of newborn infants that
21 laboratories other than the Department's public health laboratory are authorized to
22 perform postscreening confirmatory or diagnostic tests on newborn infants for hereditary
23 and congenital disorders; and

24 (4) Adopt regulations that set forth the standards and requirements for
25 newborn screening for hereditary and congenital disorders that are required under this
26 subtitle, including:

27 (i) Performing newborn screening tests;

28 (ii) Coordinating the reporting, follow-up, and treatment activities
29 with parents, caregivers, and health care providers; and

30 (iii) Establishing fees for newborn screening that do not exceed an
31 amount sufficient to cover the administrative, laboratory, and follow-up costs associated
32 with the performance of screening tests under this subtitle.

1 (e) (1) (I) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE
2 DEPARTMENT SHALL SCREEN FOR EACH CONDITION LISTED IN THE U.S.
3 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES' RECOMMENDED UNIFORM
4 SCREENING PANEL.

5 (II) ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2023, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
6 INCLUDE IN THE SYSTEM FOR NEWBORN SCREENING ANY CORE OR SECONDARY
7 CONDITION ADDED TO THE RECOMMENDED UNIFORM SCREENING PANEL WITHIN 2
8 YEARS AFTER THE ADDITION OF THE CONDITION TO THE PANEL.

9 (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if the Secretary of Health
10 and Human Services issues federal recommendations on critical congenital heart disease
11 screening of newborns, the Department shall adopt the federal screening recommendations.

12 (f) (1) The Secretary shall pay all fees collected under the provisions of this
13 subtitle to the Comptroller.

14 (2) The Comptroller shall distribute the fees to the Newborn Screening
15 Program Fund established under § 13–113 of this subtitle.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2022.