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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to newborn infant screening; creating the
3 Newborn Screening Program Task Force within the Division
4 of Children's Medical Services Network; providing purpose;
5 providing membership and organization; requiring review of
6 data and a study relating to newborn infant screening
7 requirements; requiring a report; providing for
8 termination of the task force; providing an effective
9 date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. Newborn Screening Program Task Force.--

14 (1) The Newborn Screening Program Task Force is created
15 within the Division of Children's Medical Services Network of
16 the Department of Health. The purpose of the task force is to
17 conduct a study that identifies the strengths and weaknesses of
18 and provides a strategic planning component for the Newborn
19 Screening Laboratory in Jacksonville and followup programs
20 provided by Children's Medical Services.

21 (2) The task force shall consist of all members of the
22 Genetics and Newborn Screening Advisory Council and invited
23 consultants. The chair of the Genetics and Newborn Screening
24 Advisory Council shall serve as the chair of the task force. All
25 decisions of the task force shall be by majority vote of the
26 members present at a duly convened meeting of the task force.
27 All meetings and records of the task force are subject to the

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28 public records and meeting requirements of s. 119.07(1) and s.
29 24, Art. I of the State Constitution.

30 (3) Staff of the Division of Children's Medical Services
31 Network shall be assigned by the director to provide support to
32 the task force.

33 (4) The task force shall review the Newborn Screening
34 Laboratory and followup programs for strengths and weaknesses.
35 All necessary research shall be completed no later than October
36 31, 2008.

37 (5) Based upon the data collected, the task force shall
38 prepare a gap analysis study that includes, but is not limited
39 to, service delivery on a disease-specific basis, provider
40 availability, use of information technology resources,
41 implementation of a continuity of care management system, and
42 quality assurance of diagnostic and followup systems. The gap
43 analysis study shall define the ideal program. For purposes of
44 this section, the term "gap analysis" means an assessment tool
45 that enables an agency or organization to compare its actual
46 performance to its potential performance.

47 (6) The task force shall submit the gap analysis study to
48 the Secretary of Health, the Governor, the President of the
49 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later
50 than December 1, 2008.

51 (7) The task force shall terminate upon the submission of
52 the final study.

53 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.