

By Senator Rich

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Newborn Screening Program Task
3 Force; creating the task force and providing the purpose
4 of the task force; providing for appointment of members;
5 providing for a chairperson; providing meeting
6 requirements; specifying service without compensation, but
7 providing for reimbursement of per diem and travel
8 expenses; providing for staff support; providing duties
9 and responsibilities; requiring the task force to prepare
10 a gap analysis study; requiring the task force to submit a
11 review and recommended plan to the Governor, the
12 Legislature, and the State Surgeon General by a specified
13 date; providing an effective date.

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

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17 Section 1. (1) There is created the Newborn Screening
18 Program Task Force within the Division of Children's Medical
19 Services Network of the Department of Health. This task force is
20 created to conduct a study that identifies strengths and
21 weaknesses and provides a strategic planning component of the
22 Newborn Screening Laboratory and followup programs.

23 (2) The task force shall consist of all members of the
24 Genetics and Newborn Screening Advisory Council and invited
25 consultants. The chair of the Genetics and Newborn Screening
26 Advisory Council shall serve as the chair of the task force.

27 (3) All decisions of the task force shall be by majority
28 vote of the members present at a duly convened meeting of the
29 task force. All meetings and records of the task force are

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30 subject to the requirements of s. 24(a), Art. I of the State
31 Constitution.

32 (4) Members of the task force shall serve without
33 compensation, but are entitled to receive reimbursement for
34 travel and per diem expenses as provided in s. 112.061, Florida
35 Statutes.

36 (5) Staff of the Division of Children's Medical Services
37 Network shall be assigned by the director to provide support to
38 the task force.

39 (6) The task force shall review the Newborn Screening
40 Laboratory and followup programs for strengths and weaknesses.
41 All necessary research shall be completed by October 31, 2008.
42 Based on the research, the task force shall prepare a gap
43 analysis study that includes, but need not be limited to, service
44 delivery on a disease-specific basis, provider availability,
45 information technology, management and care, and quality
46 assurance of diagnostic and follow-up systems. The gap analysis
47 study shall define the ideal program. The task force shall submit
48 the gap analysis study and its review and recommended plan to the
49 Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House
50 of Representatives, and the State Surgeon General by December 1,
51 2008.

52 (7) The task force must hold its initial meeting by August
53 1, 2008. The task force shall terminate upon the submission of
54 the final study.

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