

By Senator Sobel

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to newborn screening; amending s.
3 383.14, F.S.; requiring that the Department of Health
4 adopt and enforce rules requiring every newborn in
5 this state to be tested for severe combined
6 immunodeficiency disease; providing an effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 383.14, Florida
11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12 383.14 Screening for metabolic disorders, other hereditary
13 and congenital disorders, and environmental risk factors.—

14 (2) RULES.—After consultation with the Genetics and Newborn
15 Screening Advisory Council, the department shall adopt and
16 enforce rules requiring that every newborn in this state shall,
17 prior to becoming 1 week of age, be subjected to a test for
18 phenylketonuria, severe combined immunodeficiency disease, and,
19 at the appropriate age, ~~be tested for such~~ other metabolic
20 diseases and hereditary or congenital disorders as the
21 department may deem necessary ~~from time to time~~. After
22 consultation with the Office of Early Learning, the department
23 shall also adopt and enforce rules requiring every newborn in
24 this state to be screened for environmental risk factors that
25 place children and their families at risk for increased
26 morbidity, mortality, and other negative outcomes. The
27 department shall adopt such additional rules as are found
28 necessary for the administration of this section and s. 383.145,
29 including rules providing definitions of terms, rules relating

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30 to the methods used and time or times for testing as accepted
31 medical practice indicates, rules relating to charging and
32 collecting fees for the administration of the newborn screening
33 program authorized by this section, rules for processing
34 requests and releasing test and screening results, and rules
35 requiring mandatory reporting of the results of tests and
36 screenings for these conditions to the department.

37 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.