

By the Committee on Health Policy; and Senators Farmer, Book, Berman, Cruz, Rouson, Hooper, Perry, Powell, Braynon, and Rader

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to eye care for newborns and infants;
3 amending s. 383.14, F.S.; requiring the Department of
4 Health to create and make available electronically a
5 pamphlet with specified information; amending s.
6 383.318, F.S.; requiring birth centers to provide the
7 informational pamphlet to clients during postpartum
8 care; amending s. 395.1053, F.S.; requiring hospitals
9 that provide birthing services to provide the
10 informational pamphlet to parents during postpartum
11 education; creating s. 456.0496, F.S.; requiring
12 certain health care practitioners to ensure that the
13 pamphlet is provided to parents after a planned out-
14 of-hospital birth; providing an effective date.

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

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18 Section 1. Paragraph (i) is added to subsection (3) of
19 section 383.14, Florida Statutes, to read:

20 383.14 Screening for metabolic disorders, other hereditary
21 and congenital disorders, and environmental risk factors.—

22 (3) DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; POWERS AND DUTIES.—The department
23 shall administer and provide certain services to implement the
24 provisions of this section and shall:

25 (i) Create and make available electronically a pamphlet
26 with information on screening for, and the treatment of,
27 preventable infant and childhood eye and vision disorders,
28 including, but not limited to, retinoblastoma and amblyopia.

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30 All provisions of this subsection must be coordinated with the
31 provisions and plans established under this chapter, chapter
32 411, and Pub. L. No. 99-457.

33 Section 2. Paragraph (i) is added to subsection (3) of
34 section 383.318, Florida Statutes, to read:

35 383.318 Postpartum care for birth center clients and
36 infants.—

37 (3) The birth center shall provide a postpartum evaluation
38 and followup care that includes all of the following:

39 (i) Provision of the informational pamphlet on infant and
40 childhood eye and vision disorders created by the department
41 pursuant to s. 383.14(3) (i).

42 Section 3. Section 395.1053, Florida Statutes, is amended
43 to read:

44 395.1053 Postpartum education.—A hospital that provides
45 birthing services shall incorporate information on safe sleep
46 practices and the possible causes of Sudden Unexpected Infant
47 Death into the hospital's postpartum instruction on the care of
48 newborns and provide to each parent the informational pamphlet
49 on infant and childhood eye and vision disorders created by the
50 department pursuant to s. 383.14(3) (i).

51 Section 4. Section 456.0496, Florida Statutes, is created
52 to read:

53 456.0496 Provision of information to parents during planned
54 out-of-hospital births.—A health care practitioner who attends
55 an out-of-hospital birth must ensure that the informational
56 pamphlet on infant and childhood eye and vision disorders
57 created by the department pursuant to s. 383.14(3) (i) is
58 provided to each parent after such a birth.

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Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.