

By Senator Gruters

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to cardiac screening for newborns;
3 amending s. 383.318, F.S.; revising components that
4 are included in the postpartum evaluation and followup
5 care required to be provided by birth centers to
6 include a cardiac screening of the newborn; amending
7 s. 395.1053, F.S.; requiring hospitals that provide
8 birthing services to provide a postpartum evaluation
9 that includes the cardiovascular screening of each
10 newborn; providing an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 383.318, Florida
15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16 383.318 Postpartum care for birth center clients and
17 infants.—

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

20 (a) Physical examination of the infant.

21 **(b) Cardiovascular screening of the newborn.**

22 ~~(c)~~ ~~(b)~~ Metabolic screening tests required by s. 383.14.

23 ~~(d)~~ ~~(e)~~ Referral to sources for pediatric care.

24 ~~(e)~~ ~~(d)~~ Maternal postpartum assessment that incorporates
25 mental health screening.

26 ~~(f)~~ ~~(e)~~ Information on postpartum depression and the
27 telephone number of the Family Health Line operated pursuant to
28 s. 383.011.

29 **(g)** ~~(f)~~ Instruction in child care, including immunization,

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30 breastfeeding, safe sleep practices, and possible causes of
31 Sudden Unexpected Infant Death.

32 (h)~~(g)~~ Family planning services.

33 (i)~~(h)~~ Referral to secondary or tertiary care, as
34 indicated.

35 Section 2. Section 395.1053, Florida Statutes, is amended
36 to read:

37 395.1053 Postpartum care and education.—A hospital that
38 provides birthing services shall:

39 (1) Provide a postpartum evaluation that includes the
40 cardiovascular screening of each newborn.

41 (2) Incorporate information on safe sleep practices and the
42 possible causes of Sudden Unexpected Infant Death into the
43 hospital's postpartum instruction on the care of newborns.

44 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.