

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to newborn screenings; amending s.
3 383.14, F.S.; beginning on a specified date, subject
4 to appropriation, requiring that the Department of
5 Health's rules require that newborns be screened for
6 Duchenne muscular dystrophy at the appropriate age;
7 providing an effective date.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11 **Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section**
12 **383.14, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

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

15 (2) RULES.—

16 (a) After consultation with the Genetics and Newborn
17 Screening Advisory Council, the department shall adopt and
18 enforce rules requiring that every newborn in this state shall:

19 1. Before becoming 1 week of age, have a blood specimen
20 collected for newborn screenings;

21 2. Be tested for any condition included on the federal
22 Recommended Uniform Screening Panel which the council advises
23 the department should be included under the state's screening
24 program. After the council recommends that a condition be
25 included, the department shall submit a legislative budget

26 request to seek an appropriation to add testing of the condition
27 to the newborn screening program. The department shall expand
28 statewide screening of newborns to include screening for such
29 conditions within 18 months after the council renders such
30 advice, if a test approved by the United States Food and Drug
31 Administration or a test offered by an alternative vendor is
32 available. If such a test is not available within 18 months
33 after the council makes its recommendation, the department shall
34 implement such screening as soon as a test offered by the United
35 States Food and Drug Administration or by an alternative vendor
36 is available; and

37 3. At the appropriate age, be tested for such other
38 metabolic diseases and hereditary or congenital disorders as the
39 department may deem necessary. Subject to legislative
40 appropriation, beginning January 1, 2027, the rules must require
41 that newborns be screened for Duchenne muscular dystrophy at the
42 appropriate age.

43 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.