

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, providing that the Department of  
5 Health's rules must require certain newborns to be  
6 screened for Duchenne muscular dystrophy; providing an  
7 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

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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; and

40       4. Subject to legislative appropriation, beginning January  
41 1, 2027, be screened for Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

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