

**By** the Committee on Health Policy; and Senator Polksky

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to education on congenital cytomegalovirus; creating s. 383.142, F.S.; requiring the Department of Health, in consultation with medical experts identified by the department, to develop educational materials on congenital cytomegalovirus for distribution to expectant and new parents or caregivers; providing requirements for such educational materials; requiring certain hospitals, birth centers, and obstetrics and gynecology physician practices to provide the educational materials to such parents and caregivers; requiring the department to provide the educational materials to child care facilities and other relevant entities; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 383.142, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

383.142 Education on congenital cytomegalovirus.—The Department of Health, in consultation with medical experts identified by the department, shall develop educational materials on congenital cytomegalovirus to be distributed to expectant and new parents or caregivers as part of any maternity, prenatal, or newborn services or education provided by hospitals, birth centers, or obstetrics and gynecology physician practices in this state.

(1) The educational materials must include, but need not be

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30       limited to, an explanation of all of the following:

31       (a) The causes, symptoms, and effects of cytomegalovirus  
32       infection and the ways it can be prevented. The materials must  
33       emphasize the fact that the virus can spread from person to  
34       person without detection and can be particularly dangerous if  
35       transmitted from a pregnant woman to her child as congenital  
36       cytomegalovirus.

37       (b) The manner in which congenital cytomegalovirus, if  
38       contracted, can lead to neurological issues, such as seizures,  
39       cerebral palsy, and developmental delays; sensory loss, such as  
40       hearing and vision loss; physical problems, such as low birth  
41       weight, jaundice, and enlarged liver and spleen; and, in severe  
42       cases, pregnancy loss. The materials must emphasize the  
43       importance of early testing for congenital cytomegalovirus in  
44       newborns and infants to preserve their health and prevent  
45       lifelong health complications.

46       (c) The screening requirements of s. 383.145.

47       (2) Each hospital, birth center, and obstetrics and  
48       gynecology physician practice in this state providing maternity,  
49       prenatal, or newborn services or education shall provide the  
50       educational materials developed by the department under this  
51       section to expectant or new parents or caregivers receiving such  
52       services or education. The department shall provide the  
53       educational materials to child care facilities and any other  
54       entity deemed relevant by the department.

55       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.