CHAPTER 2017-78

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1124

An act relating to newborn screenings; amending s. 383.14, F.S.; requiring the Department of Health, upon the advice of the Genetics and Newborn Screening Advisory Council, to expand within a specified period the statewide screening of newborns to include any condition on the federal Recommended Uniform Screening Panel; requiring the council to determine whether a condition should be included in the state’s screening program within a specified period after its addition to the federal panel; requiring the department to submit a legislative budget request to fund additional testing; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (2) and paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 383.14, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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

(2) RULES.—

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

1. Before, prior to becoming 1 week of age, be subjected to a test for phenylketonuria;

2. Be tested for any condition included on the federal Recommended Uniform Screening Panel which the council advises the department should be included under the state’s screening program. After the council recommends that a condition be included, the department shall submit a legislative budget request to seek an appropriation to add testing of the condition to the newborn screening program. The department shall expand statewide screening of newborns to include screening for such conditions within 18 months after the council renders such advice, if a test approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration or a test offered by an alternative vendor which is compatible with the clinical standards established under part I of chapter 483 is available. If such a test is not available within 18 months after the council makes its recommendation, the department shall implement such screening as soon as a test offered by the United States Food and Drug Administration or by an alternative vendor is available; and

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(a) Conditions for which testing should be included under the screening program and the genetics program. **Within 1 year after a condition is added to the federal Recommended Uniform Screening Panel, the council shall consider whether the condition should be included under the state’s screening program.**

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

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