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To: Public Health and Human
Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 1004

1 AN ACT TO CREATE HUDSON'S LAW TO REQUIRE THE DISSEMINATION OF
2 CERTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT OUTCOMES AND TREATMENT OPTIONS RELATING
3 TO TRISOMY CONDITIONS; TO REQUIRE A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER WHO
4 ORDERS SCREENING TESTS FOR A PREGNANT WOMAN TO PROVIDE THE
5 INFORMATION TO THE PATIENT UPON RECEIVING A POSITIVE RESULT FOR
6 ANY OF THE TRISOMY CONDITIONS; TO REQUIRE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF
7 HEALTH TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION TO HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS AND
8 PUBLISH IT ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

10 **SECTION 1.** (1) This section shall be known and may be cited
11 as "Hudson's Law."

12 (2) For purposes of this section, the following words and
13 phrases have the meanings ascribed in this subsection unless the
14 context clearly requires otherwise:

15 (a) "Department" means the State Department of Health.

16 (b) "Health care practitioner" means a medical
17 professional who provides prenatal or postnatal care and
18 administers or requests administration of a diagnostic or
19 screening test to a pregnant woman which detects for trisomy
20 conditions.



21 (c) "Trisomy conditions" means: trisomy 13 (otherwise
22 known as Patau syndrome); trisomy 18 (otherwise known as Edwards
23 syndrome); and trisomy 21 (otherwise known as Down syndrome).

24 (3) A health care practitioner who orders tests for a
25 pregnant woman to screen for trisomy conditions must provide the
26 information in subsection (4) of this section to the pregnant
27 woman if the test yields a positive result for any of the trisomy
28 conditions.

29 (4) The State Department of Health shall make the following
30 information available to health care practitioners and shall
31 publish the information on the department's website:

32 (a) Up-to-date and evidence-based information about the
33 trisomy conditions which has been reviewed by medical experts and
34 national trisomy organizations. The information must be provided
35 in a written or an alternative format and must include the
36 following:

37 (i) Expected physical, developmental, educational
38 and psychosocial outcomes;

39 (ii) Life expectancy;

40 (iii) The clinical course description;

41 (iv) Expected intellectual and functional
42 development; and

43 (v) Treatment options available for the particular
44 syndrome for which the test was positive; and



45 (b) Contact information for nonprofit organizations
46 that provide information and support services for trisomy
47 conditions.

48 (5) The department shall ensure that the information
49 required under subsection (4) of this section is culturally and
50 linguistically appropriate for all recipients.

51 (6) A local or national organization that provides education
52 or services related to trisomy conditions may request that the
53 department include the organization's informational material and
54 contact information on the State Department of Health website.
55 Once a request is made, the department, in its discretion, may add
56 the information to the website.

57 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
58 and after July 1, 2021.

