

By: Representative McGee

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 927

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-21-201, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
 2 TO REVISE THE CONDITIONS TESTED FOR IN THE COMPREHENSIVE NEWBORN
 3 SCREENING PROGRAM TO INCLUDE THOSE CONDITIONS THAT ARE LISTED ON
 4 THE RECOMMENDED UNIFORM SCREENING PANEL (RUSP); TO REQUIRE THE
 5 STATE BOARD OF HEALTH TO ENSURE THAT EACH CONDITION LISTED ON THE
 6 RUSP IS INCLUDED IN THE NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAM WITHIN THREE
 7 YEARS AFTER BEING ADDED TO THE RUSP; TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE
 8 DEPARTMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE A RUSP-LISTED CONDITION IN THE NEWBORN
 9 SCREENING PROGRAM WITHIN THREE YEARS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE
 10 A REPORT ON THE STATUS AND REASONS FOR THE DELAY TO THE HOUSE AND
 11 SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEES ONCE A YEAR AFTER THE THREE-YEAR
 12 PERIOD; TO AMEND SECTION 41-21-203, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
 13 CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING PROVISIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

15 **SECTION 1.** Section 41-21-201, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
 16 amended as follows:

17 41-21-201. (1) The State Department of Health shall
 18 establish, maintain and carry out a comprehensive newborn
 19 screening program designed to detect hypothyroidism,
 20 phenylketonuria (PKU), hemoglobinopathy, congenital adrenal
 21 hyperplasia (CAH), galactosemia, any other conditions listed on
 22 the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel (RUSP), and such other
 23 conditions as specified by the State Board of Health * * *. The



24 State Board of Health shall ensure that each condition listed on
25 the RUSP is included in the comprehensive newborn screening
26 program within three (3) years after being added to the RUSP and
27 shall adopt any rules and regulations necessary to accomplish the
28 program. If the department does not include a RUSP-listed
29 condition in the comprehensive newborn screening program within
30 three (3) years, the department shall provide a report on the
31 status and reasons for the delay to the House and Senate Public
32 Health Committees once a year after the three-year period.

33 (2) The State Board of Health shall determine and specify
34 the conditions that will be included in the comprehensive newborn
35 screening program in addition to those conditions named in
36 subsection (1) of this section and any other conditions listed on
37 the RUSP, upon the advice and recommendations of a genetics
38 advisory committee * * *. The advisory committee shall be
39 appointed by the Executive Director of the State Department of
40 Health, and shall include at least two (2) pediatricians and one
41 (1) consumer representative from a family that has experience with
42 a newborn infant with an abnormal screening test. The State
43 Department of Health shall maintain a list of each of the
44 conditions included in the comprehensive newborn screening
45 program, which shall be made available to physicians and other
46 health care providers who are required to provide for newborn
47 screening testing under Section 41-21-203.



48 (3) The State Department of Health shall develop information
49 materials about newborn screening tests that are available, which
50 may be used by physicians and other health care providers to
51 inform pregnant women and parents.

52 **SECTION 2.** Section 41-21-203, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
53 amended as follows:

54 41-21-203. (1) All newborn infants shall be screened by the
55 physician or other health care provider attending the infant,
56 using tests that have been approved by the State Board of Health,
57 to detect those conditions listed in Section 41-21-201, any other
58 conditions listed on the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel
59 (RUSP), and the other conditions specified by the State Board of
60 Health for the comprehensive newborn screening program. However,
61 no such tests shall be given to any child whose parents object
62 thereto on the grounds that the test conflicts with his religious
63 practices or tenets. The tests provided under the comprehensive
64 newborn screening program shall be evaluated in laboratories
65 located in the United States. The State Department of Health
66 shall follow up all positive tests with the attending physician or
67 other health care provider who notified the department thereof,
68 and with the parents of the newborn child. The services and
69 facilities of the State Department of Health and those of other
70 state boards, departments and agencies cooperating with the State
71 Department of Health in carrying out the comprehensive newborn



72 screening program shall be made available to all newborn infants
73 with abnormal screening tests.

74 (2) The State Department of Health shall provide ongoing
75 epidemiologic surveillance of the comprehensive newborn screening
76 program to determine the efficacy and cost effectiveness of
77 screening newborn infants.

78 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
79 and after July 1, 2022.

