

By: Representative Horne

To: Public Health and Human
Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 643

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-21-201, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO INCLUDE CYTOMEGALOVIRUS (CMV) IN THE CONDITIONS TESTED FOR IN
3 THE COMPREHENSIVE NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED
4 PURPOSES.

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

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

8 41-21-201. (1) The State Department of Health shall
9 establish, maintain and carry out a comprehensive newborn
10 screening program designed to detect hypothyroidism,
11 phenylketonuria (PKU), hemoglobinopathy, congenital adrenal
12 hyperplasia (CAH), galactosemia, cytomegalovirus (CMV) any other
13 conditions listed on the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel
14 (RUSP), and such other conditions as specified by the State Board
15 of Health. The State Board of Health shall ensure that each
16 condition listed on the RUSP is included in the comprehensive
17 newborn screening program within three (3) years after being added
18 to the RUSP and shall adopt any rules and regulations necessary to
19 accomplish the program. If the department does not include a



20 RUSP-listed condition in the comprehensive newborn screening
21 program within three (3) years, the department shall provide a
22 report on the status and reasons for the delay to the House and
23 Senate Public Health Committees once a year after the three-year
24 period.

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

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



44 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
45 and after July 1, 2025.

