

By: Representative Horne

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 946

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, 2024.

