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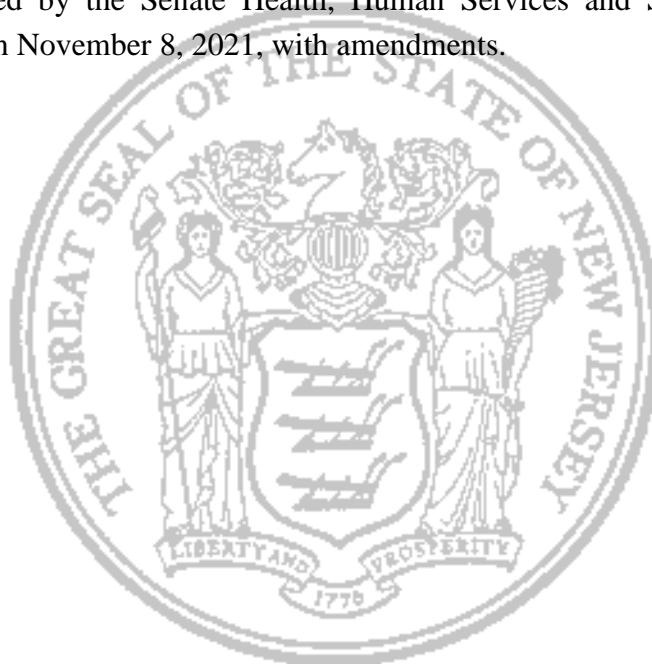
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SYNOPSIS

Establishes requirements to commence screening newborn infants for congenital cytomegalovirus infection; establishes public awareness campaign.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee on November 8, 2021, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning screening newborn infants for congenital
 2 cytomegalovirus infection and supplementing ¹["Title 26 of the
 3 Revised Statutes"] P.L.1977, c.321 (C.26:2-110)¹ .

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 5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
 6 *of New Jersey:*

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 8 1. a. All infants born in this State shall be tested for congenital
 9 cytomegalovirus infection (cCMV) beginning six months following
 10 the occurrence of all of the following:

11 (1) the development of a reliable test or series of tests for
 12 screening newborns for cCMV using dried blood spots and quality
 13 assurance testing methodology for cCMV testing;

14 (2) the availability of quality assurance materials for the cCMV
 15 test from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;

16 (3) the inclusion of newborn screening for cCMV in the
 17 Recommended Uniform Screening Panel of the United States
 18 Secretary of Health and Human Services' Advisory Committee on
 19 Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children, after the committee's
 20 evidence review of newborn screening for cCMV;

21 (4) the ¹["review by the Department of Health of the proposed test"]
 22 recommendation by the Newborn Screening Advisory Review
 23 Committee established pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2019, c.296
 24 (C.26:2-110a) that the test be included in the State Newborn Screening
 25 Program;

26 (5) the Commissioner of Health's approval to include the test in
 27 the State's Newborn Screening Program, which approval shall be
 28 based on the recommendations of the Newborn Screening Advisory
 29 Review Committee¹; and

30 ¹["(5) (6)"]¹ the acquisition of equipment necessary to implement
 31 the expanded screening tests by the State's Newborn Screening
 32 Laboratory.

33 b. The Department of Health may charge a reasonable fee ¹["and
 34 any reasonable increase in this fee as necessary,"]¹ for the test
 35 performed pursuant to this section ¹in such amount as shall be
 36 determined by the Commissioner of Health, and may periodically
 37 increase the fee by any reasonable amount as the commissioner
 38 determines to be necessary¹ . The ¹["amount of the fee and the"]¹
 39 procedures for collecting the fee shall be determined by the
 40 ¹["Commissioner of Health"] commissioner¹ .

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 42 2. a. The Commissioner of Health shall establish a public
 43 awareness campaign to educate pregnant persons about

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
 not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SHH committee amendments adopted November 8, 2021.

- 1 cytomegalovirus (CMV) and cCMV and the value of early detection
2 of, interventions for, and possible treatments for, CMV and cCMV.
- 3 b. The commissioner, in establishing the public awareness
4 campaign, shall develop outreach efforts and provide information
5 and educational materials to pregnant persons on CMV and cCMV
6 including, but not limited to:
- 7 (1) the cause and nature of CMV and cCMV;
8 (2) diagnostic procedures and appropriate indications for their
9 use;
10 (3) lifestyle issues relating to how a pregnant person can pass
11 cCMV to a developing fetus; and
12 (4) the availability of CMV and cCMV diagnostic and treatment
13 services in the community.
- 14 c. The commissioner shall prepare, and make available on the
15 Department of Health's Internet website, in English and Spanish,
16 and in a manner that is easily understandable by a pregnant person,
17 information about the symptoms and treatment of CMV and cCMV
18 and any other information that the commissioner deems to be
19 necessary. This information may be revised by the department
20 whenever new information about CMV and cCMV becomes
21 available.
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- 23 3. The Commissioner of Health shall adopt rules and
24 regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
25 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), necessary to carry out the
26 purposes of this act.
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- 28 4. This act shall take effect immediately.