

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2022 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Policy

CS/SB 292 — Newborn Screenings

by Appropriations Committee and Senators Polsky and Book

The bill amends s. 383.145, F.S., to require a hospital or other state-licensed birthing facility to test a newborn for congenital cytomegalovirus (CMV) if the newborn has failed his or her hearing screening, before the newborn is 21 days old or before discharge, whichever occurs earlier.

For home births and births in a licensed birth center, if a newborn fails a hearing test, the bill requires that the newborn's primary health care provider must refer the newborn to be tested for CMV and changes the timeframe in which a referral for appointment for a newborn hearing screening must occur, to within seven days after delivery, rather than 30 days.

Additionally, the bill requires that the results of any newborn screening test to be reported to the Department of Health within seven days of receipt of the results.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect January 1, 2023.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 118-0