

By the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity;  
Health, Aging and Long-Term Care; and Senators Wasserman  
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1                                   A bill to be entitled

2           An act relating to newborn infant screening;

3           creating within the Division of Children's

4           Medical Services Prevention and Intervention of

5           the Department of Health the Infant Screening

6           Programs Task Force; providing purpose;

7           providing membership; requiring recommendations

8           and a plan for expanding newborn infant

9           screening requirements; requiring a report to

10          the Legislature; providing an effective date.

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12   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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14           Section 1. (1) There is created within the Division

15 of Children's Medical Services Prevention and Intervention of

16 the Department of Health the Infant Screening Programs Task

17 Force. This task force is created to perform comparative

18 research regarding the infant screening programs currently

19 operating in other states. The task force consists of 15

20 members as follows:

21           (a) All members of the Genetics and Infant Screening

22 Advisory Council;

23           (b) One member of the Florida Hospital Association

24 designated by the executive director of the association;

25           (c) One member of the Florida Statutory Teaching

26 Hospital Council designated by the chair of the council; and

27           (d) One representative from the Florida chapter of the

28 March of Dimes appointed by the head of the Florida chapter.

29           (2)(a) The first meeting of the task force shall be

30 held in Tallahassee by May 1, 2002.

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1       **(b) The chair of the Genetics and Infant Screening**  
2 **Advisory Council shall serve as the chair of the task force.**  
3 **All decisions of the task force shall be by majority vote of**  
4 **the members present at a duly convened meeting of the task**  
5 **force. All meetings and records of the task force are subject**  
6 **to the requirements of Article I, section 24 of the State**  
7 **Constitution.**

8       **(c) Members of the task force that are members of the**  
9 **Genetics and Infant Screening Advisory Council shall receive**  
10 **per diem as provided in section 112.061, Florida Statutes;**  
11 **other members of the task force must pay their own expenses.**

12       **(3) Staff of the Division of Children's Medical**  
13 **Services Prevention and Intervention shall be assigned by the**  
14 **director to provide support to the task force.**

15       **(4) The task force shall collect data from all states**  
16 **operating infant screening programs. All necessary research**  
17 **shall be completed by August 1, 2002.**

18       **(5) Based upon the data collected, the task force**  
19 **shall prepare recommendations regarding the newborn infant**  
20 **screening requirement provided in section 383.14, Florida**  
21 **Statutes, and develop a newborn infant screening plan tailored**  
22 **to the needs of Florida's population. As part of the review of**  
23 **current screening requirements and in the formulation of its**  
24 **recommended plan, the task force shall consider the cost of**  
25 **current testing, the cost of expansion, appropriate mechanisms**  
26 **for reimbursing the cost of testing, and the appropriate**  
27 **location for such testing.**

28       **(6) The task force shall submit a final report of its**  
29 **review and recommended plan to the Secretary of Health, the**  
30 **Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the**  
31 **House of Representatives by September 1, 2002.**

1       (7) The task force shall terminate upon the submission  
2 of its final report.

3       Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
4 law.

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6               STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
7               COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
8               CS/SB 2002

9 Creates the Infant Screening Programs Task Force.

10 Assigns all members of the Genetics and Infant Screening  
11 Advisory Council to the task force. Places one member of the  
12 Florida Hospital Association, one member of the Florida  
Statutory Teaching Hospital Council, and one representative of  
the Florida chapter of the March of Dimes on the task force.

13 Establishes manner by which task force takes action.

14 Establishes duties of task force.

15 Requires task force to submit a report to Secretary of the  
16 Department of Health, the Governor, the President of the  
Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by no  
17 later than September 1, 2002.