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A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the testing of inmates for HIV infection in certain county detention facilities; amending 3 4 s. 951.27, F.S.; requiring the Department of Health to designate certain counties, if approved by the county's 5 governing body, to participate in a program to test each 6 inmate for HIV before the inmate is released if the 7 inmate's HIV status is unknown; providing certain 8 9 exceptions; requiring that certain county detention 10 facilities notify the Department of Health and the county 11 health department in the county where the inmate plans to reside following release if the inmate is HIV positive; 12 13 requiring certain detention facilities to provide special transitional assistance to an inmate who is HIV positive; 14 providing for immunity for complying entities; amending s. 15 381.004, F.S.; providing that informed consent is not 16 17 required for an HIV test of an inmate before the inmate's 18 release from a municipal or county detention facility; 19 providing an effective date. 20 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 21 22 Section 1. Section 951.27, Florida Statutes, is amended to 23 24 read: 951.27 Blood tests of inmates.--25 Each county and each municipal detention facility 26 (1)27 shall have a written procedure developed, in consultation with the facility medical provider, establishing conditions under 28 Page 1 of 20

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29 which an inmate will be tested for infectious disease, including 30 human immunodeficiency virus pursuant to s. 775.0877, which 31 procedure is consistent with guidelines of the Centers for 32 Disease Control and Prevention and recommendations of the 33 Correctional Medical Authority. It is not unlawful for the 34 person receiving the test results to divulge the test results to 35 the sheriff or chief correctional officer.

(2) (a) The Department of Health shall designate two 36 37 counties having a population of 1.2 million or more and five 38 counties having a population of fewer than 1.2 million to participate in the testing program provided in this subsection, 39 if participation in the testing program is authorized by a 40 41 majority of the county's governing body. Each county detention 42 facility that lies within the authority of any participating 43 county shall, consistent with s. 381.004(3), perform an HIV test as defined in s. 381.004(2) on each sentenced inmate who is to 44 45 be released from the facility unless the facility knows that the 46 inmate is HIV positive or unless, within 120 days before the release date, the inmate has been tested for HIV and does not 47 request retesting. The required test must be performed not less 48 49 than 30 days before the release date of the inmate. A test is 50 not required under this paragraph if an inmate is released due to an emergency or a court order and the detention facility 51 receives less than 30 days' notice of the release date or if the 52 53 inmate is transferred to the custody of the Department of 54 Corrections for incarceration in the state correctional system. 55 (b) Each county detention facility in a county that 56 participates in the testing program authorized in paragraph (a)

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57 must comply with the requirements of this paragraph. If the county detention facility knows that an inmate who is to be 58 59 released from the facility is HIV positive or has received a positive HIV test result, that facility shall, before the inmate 60 is released: 61 1. Notify, consistent with s. 381.004(3), the Department 62 63 of Health and the county health department in the county where the inmate being released plans to reside of the release date 64 65 and HIV status of the inmate. 66 2. Provide special transitional assistance to the inmate 67 which must include: Education on preventing the transmission of HIV to 68 a. others and on the importance of receiving followup medical care 69 70 and treatment. 71 b. A written, individualized discharge plan that includes 72 records of all laboratory and diagnostic test results, 73 medication and treatment information, and referrals to and 74 contacts with the county health department and local primary 75 medical care services for the treatment of HIV infection which 76 are available in the area where the inmate plans to reside. (3) (2) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, 77 serologic blood test results obtained pursuant to subsection (1) 78 79 or subsection (2) are confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State 80 81 Constitution. However, such results may be provided to employees or officers of the sheriff or chief correctional officer who are 82 83 responsible for the custody and care of the affected inmate and have a need to know such information, and as provided in ss. 84

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85 381.004(3), 775.0877, and 960.003. In addition, upon request of 86 the victim or the victim's legal guardian, or the parent or 87 legal guardian of the victim if the victim is a minor, the 88 results of any HIV test performed on an inmate who has been arrested for any sexual offense involving oral, anal, or vaginal 89 penetration by, or union with, the sexual organ of another, 90 shall be disclosed to the victim or the victim's legal quardian, 91 or to the parent or legal guardian of the victim if the victim 92 93 is a minor. In such cases, the county or municipal detention 94 facility shall furnish the test results to the Department of 95 Health, which is responsible for disclosing the results to public health agencies as provided in s. 775.0877 and to the 96 victim or the victim's legal guardian, or the parent or legal 97 guardian of the victim if the victim is a minor, as provided in 98 s. 960.003(3). 99

100 (4) (3) The results of any serologic blood test on an 101 inmate are a part of that inmate's permanent medical file. Upon 102 transfer of the inmate to any other correctional facility, such 103 file is also transferred, and all relevant authorized persons 104 must be notified of positive HIV test results, as required in s. 105 775.0877.

Notwithstanding any statute providing for a waiver of 106 (5) sovereign immunity, the state, its agencies, or subdivisions, 107 and employees of the state, its agencies, or subdivisions, are 108 109 not liable to any person for negligently causing death or personal injury arising out of complying with this section. 110 111 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 381.004, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 112

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381.004 HIV testing.--

114 (3) HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS TESTING; INFORMED
 115 CONSENT; RESULTS; COUNSELING; CONFIDENTIALITY.--

116 (a) No person in this state shall order a test designed to identify the human immunodeficiency virus, or its antigen or 117 antibody, without first obtaining the informed consent of the 118 person upon whom the test is being performed, except as 119 specified in paragraph (h). Informed consent shall be preceded 120 by an explanation of the right to confidential treatment of 121 122 information identifying the subject of the test and the results 123 of the test to the extent provided by law. Information shall also be provided on the fact that a positive HIV test result 124 will be reported to the county health department with sufficient 125 126 information to identify the test subject and on the availability 127 and location of sites at which anonymous testing is performed. 128 As required in paragraph (4)(c), each county health department 129 shall maintain a list of sites at which anonymous testing is 130 performed, including the locations, phone numbers, and hours of operation of the sites. Consent need not be in writing provided 131 132 there is documentation in the medical record that the test has 133 been explained and the consent has been obtained.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (h), informed consent
must be obtained from a legal guardian or other person
authorized by law when the person:

137 1. Is not competent, is incapacitated, or is otherwise
 138 unable to make an informed judgment; or

139 2. Has not reached the age of majority, except as provided140 in s. 384.30.

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141 The person ordering the test or that person's designee (C) shall ensure that all reasonable efforts are made to notify the 142 143 test subject of his or her test result. Notification of a person 144 with a positive test result shall include information on the availability of appropriate medical and support services, on the 145 importance of notifying partners who may have been exposed, and 146 on preventing transmission of HIV. Notification of a person with 147 a negative test result shall include, as appropriate, 148 information on preventing the transmission of HIV. When testing 149 150 occurs in a hospital emergency department, detention facility, 151 or other facility and the test subject has been released before being notified of positive test results, informing the county 152 health department for that department to notify the test subject 153 fulfills this responsibility. 154

(d) A positive preliminary test result may not be revealedto any person except in the following situations:

157 1. Preliminary test results may be released to licensed 158 physicians or the medical or nonmedical personnel subject to the 159 significant exposure for purposes of subparagraphs (h)10., 11., 160 and 12.

Preliminary test results may be released to health care 161 2. providers and to the person tested when decisions about medical 162 care or treatment of, or recommendation to, the person tested 163 164 and, in the case of an intrapartum or postpartum woman, when 165 care, treatment, or recommendations regarding her newborn, cannot await the results of confirmatory testing. Positive 166 167 preliminary HIV test results may not be characterized to the 168 patient as a diagnosis of HIV infection. Justification for the

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use of preliminary test results must be documented in the 170 medical record by the health care provider who ordered the test.

171 The results of rapid testing technologies shall be 3. 172 considered preliminary and may be released in accordance with 173 the manufacturer's instructions as approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration. 174

Corroborating or confirmatory testing must be conducted 175 4. as followup to a positive preliminary test. Results shall be 176 177 communicated to the patient according to statute regardless of 178 the outcome. Except as provided in this section, test results 179 are confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1).

Except as provided in this section, the identity of 180 (e) any person upon whom a test has been performed and test results 181 182 are confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1). No person who has obtained or has knowledge of a test result 183 184 pursuant to this section may disclose or be compelled to 185 disclose the identity of any person upon whom a test is 186 performed, or the results of such a test in a manner which permits identification of the subject of the test, except to the 187 188 following persons:

189 The subject of the test or the subject's legally 1. authorized representative. 190

191 Any person, including third-party payors, designated in 2. 192 a legally effective release of the test results executed prior 193 to or after the test by the subject of the test or the subject's legally authorized representative. The test subject may in 194 195 writing authorize the disclosure of the test subject's HIV test 196 results to third party payors, who need not be specifically

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197 identified, and to other persons to whom the test subject 198 subsequently issues a general release of medical information. A 199 general release without such prior written authorization is not 200 sufficient to release HIV test results.

3. An authorized agent or employee of a health facility or 201 health care provider if the health facility or health care 202 provider itself is authorized to obtain the test results, the 203 agent or employee participates in the administration or 204 205 provision of patient care or handles or processes specimens of 206 body fluids or tissues, and the agent or employee has a need to 207 know such information. The department shall adopt a rule 208 defining which persons have a need to know pursuant to this 209 subparagraph.

4. 210 Health care providers consulting between themselves or with health care facilities to determine diagnosis and 211 treatment. For purposes of this subparagraph, health care 212 213 providers shall include licensed health care professionals 214 employed by or associated with state, county, or municipal 215 detention facilities when such health care professionals are 216 acting exclusively for the purpose of providing diagnoses or 217 treatment of persons in the custody of such facilities.

5. The department, in accordance with rules for reporting
and controlling the spread of disease, as otherwise provided by
state law.

221 6. A health facility or health care provider which222 procures, processes, distributes, or uses:

a. A human body part from a deceased person, with respectto medical information regarding that person; or

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b. Semen provided prior to July 6, 1988, for the purposeof artificial insemination.

7. Health facility staff committees, for the purposes of
conducting program monitoring, program evaluation, or service
reviews pursuant to chapters 395 and 766.

8. Authorized medical or epidemiological researchers who
may not further disclose any identifying characteristics or
information.

233 9. A person allowed access by a court order which is234 issued in compliance with the following provisions:

235 No court of this state shall issue such order unless a. 236 the court finds that the person seeking the test results has demonstrated a compelling need for the test results which cannot 237 238 be accommodated by other means. In assessing compelling need, the court shall weigh the need for disclosure against the 239 240 privacy interest of the test subject and the public interest 241 which may be disserved by disclosure which deters blood, organ, 242 and semen donation and future human immunodeficiency virusrelated testing or which may lead to discrimination. This 243 244 paragraph shall not apply to blood bank donor records.

b. Pleadings pertaining to disclosure of test results shall substitute a pseudonym for the true name of the subject of the test. The disclosure to the parties of the subject's true name shall be communicated confidentially in documents not filed with the court.

250 c. Before granting any such order, the court shall provide 251 the individual whose test result is in question with notice and 252 a reasonable opportunity to participate in the proceedings if he

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253 or she is not already a party.

d. Court proceedings as to disclosure of test results shall be conducted in camera, unless the subject of the test agrees to a hearing in open court or unless the court determines that a public hearing is necessary to the public interest and the proper administration of justice.

e. Upon the issuance of an order to disclose test results, the court shall impose appropriate safeguards against unauthorized disclosure which shall specify the persons who may have access to the information, the purposes for which the information shall be used, and appropriate prohibitions on future disclosure.

10. A person allowed access by order of a judge of
compensation claims of the Division of Administrative Hearings.
A judge of compensation claims shall not issue such order unless
he or she finds that the person seeking the test results has
demonstrated a compelling need for the test results which cannot
be accommodated by other means.

Those employees of the department or of child-placing 271 11. 272 or child-caring agencies or of family foster homes, licensed 273 pursuant to s. 409.175, who are directly involved in the placement, care, control, or custody of such test subject and 274 275 who have a need to know such information; adoptive parents of 276 such test subject; or any adult custodian, any adult relative, 277 or any person responsible for the child's welfare, if the test 278 subject was not tested under subparagraph (b)2. and if a 279 reasonable attempt has been made to locate and inform the legal 280 guardian of a test result. The department shall adopt a rule to

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281 implement this subparagraph.

12. Those employees of residential facilities or of community-based care programs that care for developmentally disabled persons, pursuant to chapter 393, who are directly involved in the care, control, or custody of such test subject and who have a need to know such information.

287 13. A health care provider involved in the delivery of a
288 child can note the mother's HIV test results in the child's
289 medical record.

14. Medical personnel or nonmedical personnel who have been subject to a significant exposure during the course of medical practice or in the performance of professional duties, or individuals who are the subject of the significant exposure as provided in subparagraphs (h)10.-12.

15. The medical examiner shall disclose positive HIV test
results to the department in accordance with rules for reporting
and controlling the spread of disease.

298 (f) Except as provided in this section, the identity of a person upon whom a test has been performed is confidential and 299 300 exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1). No person to whom 301 the results of a test have been disclosed may disclose the test results to another person except as authorized by this 302 subsection and by ss. 951.27 and 960.003. Whenever disclosure is 303 304 made pursuant to this subsection, it shall be accompanied by a 305 statement in writing which includes the following or substantially similar language: "This information has been 306 307 disclosed to you from records whose confidentiality is protected by state law. State law prohibits you from making any further 308

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309 disclosure of such information without the specific written 310 consent of the person to whom such information pertains, or as 311 otherwise permitted by state law. A general authorization for 312 the release of medical or other information is NOT sufficient for this purpose." An oral disclosure shall be accompanied by 313 oral notice and followed by a written notice within 10 days, 314 except that this notice shall not be required for disclosures 315 made pursuant to subparagraphs (e)3. and 4. 316

(g) Human immunodeficiency virus test results contained in the medical records of a hospital licensed under chapter 395 may be released in accordance with s. 395.3025 without being subject to the requirements of subparagraph (e)2., subparagraph (e)9., or paragraph (f); provided the hospital has obtained written informed consent for the HIV test in accordance with provisions of this section.

324 (h) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a),325 informed consent is not required:

When testing for sexually transmissible diseases is
 required by state or federal law, or by rule including the
 following situations:

a. HIV testing pursuant to s. 796.08 of persons convictedof prostitution or of procuring another to commit prostitution.

b. HIV testing of inmates pursuant to s. 945.355 prior to
their release from prison by reason of parole, accumulation of
gain-time credits, or expiration of sentence.

334 c. Testing for HIV by a medical examiner in accordance335 with s. 406.11.

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d. HIV testing of pregnant women pursuant to s. 384.31.

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e. HIV testing of inmates pursuant to s. 951.27 before
their release from a county or municipal detention facility.
Those exceptions provided for blood, plasma, organs,
skin, semen, or other human tissue pursuant to s. 381.0041.

341 3. For the performance of an HIV-related test by licensed 342 medical personnel in bona fide medical emergencies when the test 343 results are necessary for medical diagnostic purposes to provide 344 appropriate emergency care or treatment to the person being 345 tested and the patient is unable to consent, as supported by 346 documentation in the medical record. Notification of test 347 results in accordance with paragraph (c) is required.

For the performance of an HIV-related test by licensed 348 4. medical personnel for medical diagnosis of acute illness where, 349 in the opinion of the attending physician, obtaining informed 350 consent would be detrimental to the patient, as supported by 351 352 documentation in the medical record, and the test results are 353 necessary for medical diagnostic purposes to provide appropriate 354 care or treatment to the person being tested. Notification of test results in accordance with paragraph (c) is required if it 355 356 would not be detrimental to the patient. This subparagraph does 357 not authorize the routine testing of patients for HIV infection without informed consent. 358

359 5. When HIV testing is performed as part of an autopsy for360 which consent was obtained pursuant to s. 872.04.

361 6. For the performance of an HIV test upon a defendant
362 pursuant to the victim's request in a prosecution for any type
363 of sexual battery where a blood sample is taken from the
364 defendant voluntarily, pursuant to court order for any purpose,

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365 or pursuant to the provisions of s. 775.0877, s. 951.27, or s. 366 960.003; however, the results of any HIV test performed shall be 367 disclosed solely to the victim and the defendant, except as 368 provided in ss. 775.0877, 951.27, and 960.003.

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7. When an HIV test is mandated by court order.

8. For epidemiological research pursuant to s. 381.0032, for research consistent with institutional review boards created by 45 C.F.R. part 46, or for the performance of an HIV-related test for the purpose of research, if the testing is performed in a manner by which the identity of the test subject is not known and may not be retrieved by the researcher.

9. When human tissue is collected lawfully without the
consent of the donor for corneal removal as authorized by s.
765.5185 or enucleation of the eyes as authorized by s. 765.519.

For the performance of an HIV test upon an individual 379 10. 380 who comes into contact with medical personnel in such a way that 381 a significant exposure has occurred during the course of 382 employment or within the scope of practice and where a blood sample is available that was taken from that individual 383 384 voluntarily by medical personnel for other purposes. The term 385 "medical personnel" includes a licensed or certified health care professional; an employee of a health care professional or 386 health care facility; employees of a laboratory licensed under 387 chapter 483; personnel of a blood bank or plasma center; a 388 389 medical student or other student who is receiving training as a health care professional at a health care facility; and a 390 391 paramedic or emergency medical technician certified by the 392 department to perform life-support procedures under s. 401.23.

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393 Prior to performance of an HIV test on a voluntarily a. 394 obtained blood sample, the individual from whom the blood was 395 obtained shall be requested to consent to the performance of the 396 test and to the release of the results. The individual's refusal to consent and all information concerning the performance of an 397 HIV test and any HIV test result shall be documented only in the 398 medical personnel's record unless the individual gives written 399 consent to entering this information on the individual's medical 400 record. 401

402 b. Reasonable attempts to locate the individual and to obtain consent shall be made, and all attempts must be 403 404 documented. If the individual cannot be found, an HIV test may be conducted on the available blood sample. If the individual 405 406 does not voluntarily consent to the performance of an HIV test, the individual shall be informed that an HIV test will be 407 performed, and counseling shall be furnished as provided in this 408 409 section. However, HIV testing shall be conducted only after a 410 licensed physician documents, in the medical record of the medical personnel, that there has been a significant exposure 411 and that, in the physician's medical judgment, the information 412 413 is medically necessary to determine the course of treatment for the medical personnel. 414

c. Costs of any HIV test of a blood sample performed with or without the consent of the individual, as provided in this subparagraph, shall be borne by the medical personnel or the employer of the medical personnel. However, costs of testing or treatment not directly related to the initial HIV tests or costs of subsequent testing or treatment may not be borne by the

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421 medical personnel or the employer of the medical personnel.

d. In order to utilize the provisions of this
subparagraph, the medical personnel must either be tested for
HIV pursuant to this section or provide the results of an HIV
test taken within 6 months prior to the significant exposure if
such test results are negative.

e. A person who receives the results of an HIV test
pursuant to this subparagraph shall maintain the confidentiality
of the information received and of the persons tested. Such
confidential information is exempt from s. 119.07(1).

If the source of the exposure will not voluntarily 431 f. submit to HIV testing and a blood sample is not available, the 432 medical personnel or the employer of such person acting on 433 434 behalf of the employee may seek a court order directing the 435 source of the exposure to submit to HIV testing. A sworn statement by a physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 436 437 459 that a significant exposure has occurred and that, in the 438 physician's medical judgment, testing is medically necessary to 439 determine the course of treatment constitutes probable cause for 440 the issuance of an order by the court. The results of the test 441 shall be released to the source of the exposure and to the person who experienced the exposure. 442

11. For the performance of an HIV test upon an individual who comes into contact with medical personnel in such a way that a significant exposure has occurred during the course of employment or within the scope of practice of the medical personnel while the medical personnel provides emergency medical treatment to the individual; or who comes into contact with

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449 nonmedical personnel in such a way that a significant exposure 450 has occurred while the nonmedical personnel provides emergency 451 medical assistance during a medical emergency. For the purposes 452 of this subparagraph, a medical emergency means an emergency 453 medical condition outside of a hospital or health care facility 454 that provides physician care. The test may be performed only 455 during the course of treatment for the medical emergency.

An individual who is capable of providing consent shall
be requested to consent to an HIV test prior to the testing. The
individual's refusal to consent, and all information concerning
the performance of an HIV test and its result, shall be
documented only in the medical personnel's record unless the
individual gives written consent to entering this information on
the individual's medical record.

b. HIV testing shall be conducted only after a licensed physician documents, in the medical record of the medical personnel or nonmedical personnel, that there has been a significant exposure and that, in the physician's medical judgment, the information is medically necessary to determine the course of treatment for the medical personnel or nonmedical personnel.

470 c. Costs of any HIV test performed with or without the 471 consent of the individual, as provided in this subparagraph, 472 shall be borne by the medical personnel or the employer of the 473 medical personnel or nonmedical personnel. However, costs of 474 testing or treatment not directly related to the initial HIV 475 tests or costs of subsequent testing or treatment may not be 476 borne by the medical personnel or the employer of the medical

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477 personnel or nonmedical personnel.

d. In order to utilize the provisions of this
subparagraph, the medical personnel or nonmedical personnel
shall be tested for HIV pursuant to this section or shall
provide the results of an HIV test taken within 6 months prior
to the significant exposure if such test results are negative.

e. A person who receives the results of an HIV test
pursuant to this subparagraph shall maintain the confidentiality
of the information received and of the persons tested. Such
confidential information is exempt from s. 119.07(1).

487 f. If the source of the exposure will not voluntarily 488 submit to HIV testing and a blood sample was not obtained during treatment for the medical emergency, the medical personnel, the 489 490 employer of the medical personnel acting on behalf of the 491 employee, or the nonmedical personnel may seek a court order 492 directing the source of the exposure to submit to HIV testing. A 493 sworn statement by a physician licensed under chapter 458 or 494 chapter 459 that a significant exposure has occurred and that, in the physician's medical judgment, testing is medically 495 496 necessary to determine the course of treatment constitutes 497 probable cause for the issuance of an order by the court. The results of the test shall be released to the source of the 498 499 exposure and to the person who experienced the exposure.

500 12. For the performance of an HIV test by the medical 501 examiner or attending physician upon an individual who expired 502 or could not be resuscitated while receiving emergency medical 503 assistance or care and who was the source of a significant 504 exposure to medical or nonmedical personnel providing such

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505 assistance or care.

a. HIV testing may be conducted only after a licensed
physician documents in the medical record of the medical
personnel or nonmedical personnel that there has been a
significant exposure and that, in the physician's medical
judgment, the information is medically necessary to determine
the course of treatment for the medical personnel or nonmedical
personnel.

513 b. Costs of any HIV test performed under this subparagraph 514 may not be charged to the deceased or to the family of the 515 deceased person.

516 c. For the provisions of this subparagraph to be 517 applicable, the medical personnel or nonmedical personnel must 518 be tested for HIV under this section or must provide the results 519 of an HIV test taken within 6 months before the significant 520 exposure if such test results are negative.

521 d. A person who receives the results of an HIV test 522 pursuant to this subparagraph shall comply with paragraph (e).

523 For the performance of an HIV-related test medically 13. 524 indicated by licensed medical personnel for medical diagnosis of 525 a hospitalized infant as necessary to provide appropriate care and treatment of the infant when, after a reasonable attempt, a 526 527 parent cannot be contacted to provide consent. The medical records of the infant shall reflect the reason consent of the 528 529 parent was not initially obtained. Test results shall be 530 provided to the parent when the parent is located.

531 14. For the performance of HIV testing conducted to 532 monitor the clinical progress of a patient previously diagnosed

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533 to be HIV positive.

53415. For the performance of repeated HIV testing conducted535to monitor possible conversion from a significant exposure.

536 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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