

By Senator Harrell

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to newborn screenings; amending s.
3 383.14, F.S.; beginning on a specified date, requiring
4 that the Department of Health's rules require that
5 newborns be screened for Duchenne muscular dystrophy
6 at the appropriate age; providing an effective date.
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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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10 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
11 383.14, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12 383.14 Screening for metabolic disorders, other hereditary
13 and congenital disorders, and environmental risk factors.—

14 (2) RULES.—

15 (a) After consultation with the Genetics and Newborn
16 Screening Advisory Council, the department shall adopt and
17 enforce rules requiring that every newborn in this state shall:

18 1. Before becoming 1 week of age, have a blood specimen
19 collected for newborn screenings;

20 2. Be tested for any condition included on the federal
21 Recommended Uniform Screening Panel which the council advises
22 the department should be included under the state's screening
23 program. After the council recommends that a condition be
24 included, the department shall submit a legislative budget
25 request to seek an appropriation to add testing of the condition
26 to the newborn screening program. The department shall expand
27 statewide screening of newborns to include screening for such
28 conditions within 18 months after the council renders such
29 advice, if a test approved by the United States Food and Drug

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30 Administration or a test offered by an alternative vendor is
31 available. If such a test is not available within 18 months
32 after the council makes its recommendation, the department shall
33 implement such screening as soon as a test offered by the United
34 States Food and Drug Administration or by an alternative vendor
35 is available; and

36 3. At the appropriate age, be tested for such other
37 metabolic diseases and hereditary or congenital disorders as the
38 department may deem necessary. Beginning January 1, 2027, the
39 rules must require that newborns be screened for Duchenne
40 muscular dystrophy at the appropriate age.

41 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.