

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Description Tests administered to newborns for congenital disorders					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Current law requires an infant to receive blood testing for congenital and metabolic disorders, as specified in rules promulgated by the Department of Health Services (DHS), unless the infant's parents or legal guardian object to the testing on the basis of religious tenants or practices. Current law permits DHS to establish an infant urine testing program to test for causes of congenital disorders but does not require program participation. Current law requires DHS to contract with the State Laboratory of Hygiene (SLH) to perform and provide materials used in infant testing. Finally, current law establishes confidentiality on information obtained from parents or a legal guardian related to infant testing or obtained from infant testing specimens.

This bill modifies existing statutes to allow required infant testing, as specified by rules promulgated by DHS, to include any type of test and eliminates the section on urine testing. The bill specifies confidentiality of information requirements that exist under current law apply to these infant tests and that DHS must contract with SLH for any testing. Finally, the bill specifies that DHS may require reporting of infant tests for use in statistical data compilation and evaluation of infant screening programs.

The Department does not anticipate this bill will have a fiscal impact on DHS.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications