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Overview

This bill adds screening for critical congenital heart disease to the state's newborn screening programs. The state's existing newborn screening programs are public health programs through which all infants born in the state are screened for more than 50 disorders, including hearing loss.

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1 Newborn screening for critical congenital heart disease (CCHD). Adds § 144.1251.

Subd. 1. Required testing and reporting. Requires hospitals, birthing centers, and facilities that provide maternity and newborn care to screen newborns for congenital heart disease using pulse oximetry screening. Indicates that this screening should be done before the infant is discharged from the nursery but after 24 hours of age. Requires that results must be reported to the state Department of Health. Specifies that for premature infants and others admitted for intensive care, the screen should be performed when medically appropriate.

Subd. 2. Implementation. Provides a list of responsibilities for the Department of Health related to this screening program, including the following:

- ▶ communicate screening protocol and requirements;
- ▶ make information and forms available to persons with a duty to perform testing and reporting, health care providers, parents of newborns, and the public;
- ▶ provide training to ensure compliance and implementation of this screening;
- ▶ establish data collection and reporting system;

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- ▶ coordinate implementation of universal standardized screening;
- ▶ provide assistance to providers as this screening program is implemented and develop and implement early medical and developmental intervention services for children with CCHD and their families; and
- ▶ comply with sections 144.125 to 144.128, the current sections of statute governing the Department of Health's newborn screening program.