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Overview

This bill requires the commissioner of health to provide information about and engage in outreach activities regarding congenital human herpesvirus cytomegalovirus (congenital CMV). According to the CDC, CMV is a common virus that infects people of all ages, and most people infected with CMV have no symptoms of infection. Congenital CMV is CMV transmitted from a pregnant mother to her fetus. Most babies with congenital CMV never show signs of infection or have health problems, but some babies demonstrate symptoms of CMV at birth, and some babies with congenital CMV have long-term health problems.

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1 **The Vivian Act.** Adds § 144.064. Requires the commissioner of health to provide information about and engage in outreach activities regarding congenital human herpesvirus cytomegalovirus (congenital CMV).

Subd. 1. Short title. Provides that this section shall be known as the Vivian Act.

Subd. 2. Definitions. Defines terms for this section: commissioner, health care practitioner, CMV, and congenital CMV.

Subd. 3. Commissioner duties. Requires the commissioner to make available to medical professionals who provide prenatal or postnatal care, women who may become pregnant, expectant parents, and parents of infants, information about congenital human herpesvirus cytomegalovirus (congenital CMV). Lists what the information provided must include. Requires the commissioner to ensure the

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information provided is culturally and linguistically appropriate for recipients. Also requires the commissioner to establish an outreach program to provide education to women and parents about CMV, and to raise awareness of CMV to health care providers who care for expectant mothers or infants.