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HUMAN RESOURCES

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring hospitals to furnish newborn birth information
2 to the Iowa department of public health.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 135B.7, Code 2005, is amended by adding
2 the following new unnumbered paragraph:

3 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. The department shall adopt rules
4 requiring hospitals to submit information to the department
5 regarding newborn births at each hospital, to assist with the
6 monitoring and administration of programs including, but not
7 limited to, the universal newborn and infant hearing screening
8 program pursuant to section 135.131, the statewide obstetrical
9 and newborn indigent patient care program pursuant to section
10 135.152, and the newborn metabolic screening program pursuant
11 to section 136A.5. The information submitted shall also
12 include an assessment of the medical condition of a newborn
13 child, and any circumstances observed prior to, during, or
14 after the birth suggesting a need for continued medical
15 intervention or observation. A hospital submitting
16 information pursuant to this section shall assign an
17 identification number to each newborn, so that the identity of
18 the newborn shall remain confidential. Release of information
19 pursuant to this section shall be consistent with the federal
20 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996,
21 Pub. L. No. 104-191.

22 EXPLANATION

23 This bill provides that the Iowa department of public
24 health shall adopt rules requiring hospitals to submit
25 information to the department regarding newborn births. The
26 information submitted shall assist the department with the
27 monitoring and administration of a noninclusive list of
28 programs relating to newborns specified in the bill. The bill
29 additionally provides that a hospital submitting information
30 pursuant to this section shall assign an identification number
31 to each newborn, so that the identity of the newborn shall
32 remain confidential, and that the release of information shall
33 be consistent with the federal Health Insurance Portability
34 and Accountability Act of 1996.

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