

Senate File 295 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 295
BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 56)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to donation of newborn umbilical cord blood.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.39D Donation of newborn
2 umbilical cord blood.

3 1. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary regarding
4 blood donation, an attending prenatal health care provider
5 of a woman who is known to be pregnant shall, prior to the
6 thirty-second week of the woman's pregnancy, provide the woman
7 with information regarding options for donation of blood
8 extracted from the umbilical cord of the newborn to a public
9 cord blood bank.

10 2. The department of public health shall provide the
11 information regarding public cord blood banking to be utilized
12 by attending prenatal health care providers under this section.
13 The information provided shall be the applicable informational
14 and educational materials developed by the entity awarded the
15 contract by the health resources and services administration of
16 the United States department of health and human services to
17 operate the cord blood coordinating center.

18 3. For the purposes of this section, an "*attending prenatal*
19 *health care provider*" includes a person licensed, certified, or
20 otherwise authorized by law to provide health care services to
21 a pregnant woman within the scope of the person's profession.

22 EXPLANATION

23 This bill relates to donation of newborn umbilical cord
24 blood. The bill directs an attending prenatal health care
25 provider of a woman known by the provider to be pregnant, to
26 provide the woman, prior to the 32nd week of the pregnancy,
27 with information regarding the options for donation of
28 umbilical cord blood to a public cord blood bank. The
29 bill directs the department of public health to provide
30 the information to be utilized by the providers and defines
31 "attending prenatal health care provider".