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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act establishing a cytomegalovirus public health initiative.

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

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 136A.5B Cytomegalovirus public  
2 health initiative — congenital cytomegalovirus screening —  
3 public education and awareness program.

4 1. a. As used in this section, "*Congenital cytomegalovirus*"  
5 means cytomegalovirus acquired by an infant before birth.

6 b. Each newborn born in this state shall receive a  
7 congenital cytomegalovirus screening as soon after birth as is  
8 medically appropriate.

9 c. An attending health care provider shall ensure that  
10 every newborn under the provider's care receives the congenital  
11 cytomegalovirus screening within the medically appropriate  
12 timeframe.

13 d. This subsection does not apply if a parent objects to  
14 the screening. If a parent objects to the screening of a  
15 newborn, the attending health care provider shall document the  
16 refusal in the newborn's medical record and shall obtain a  
17 written refusal from the parent and report the refusal to the  
18 department.

19 e. The results of a congenital cytomegalovirus screening  
20 shall be reported in a manner consistent with the reporting of  
21 the results of metabolic screenings pursuant to section 136A.5,  
22 and in accordance with rules adopted pursuant to section  
23 136A.8.

24 f. This subsection shall be administered in accordance with  
25 rules adopted pursuant to section 136A.8.

26 2. a. In accordance with the duties prescribed in section  
27 135A.3, the center for congenital and inherited disorders  
28 shall collaborate with state and local health agencies  
29 and other public and private organizations to develop and  
30 publish or approve and publish informational materials to  
31 educate and raise awareness of cytomegalovirus and congenital  
32 cytomegalovirus among women who may become pregnant, expectant  
33 parents, parents of infants, attending health care providers,  
34 and others, as appropriate. The materials shall include  
35 information regarding all of the following:

1 (1) The incidence of cytomegalovirus and congenital  
2 cytomegalovirus.

3 (2) The transmission of cytomegalovirus to a pregnant woman  
4 or woman who may become pregnant.

5 (3) Birth defects caused by congenital cytomegalovirus.

6 (4) Methods of diagnosing congenital cytomegalovirus.

7 (5) Available preventive measures to avoid cytomegalovirus  
8 infection by women who are pregnant or who may become pregnant.

9 b. An attending health care provider shall provide to a  
10 pregnant woman during the first trimester of the pregnancy,  
11 the informational materials published under this subsection.  
12 The center for congenital and inherited disorders shall make  
13 the informational materials available to attending health care  
14 providers upon request.

15 c. The department shall publish the informational materials  
16 on its internet site.

17 EXPLANATION

18 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
19 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

20 This bill requires that each newborn born in the state  
21 receive a congenital cytomegalovirus (CMV) screening as soon  
22 after birth as is medically appropriate, and requires an  
23 attending health care provider to ensure that every newborn  
24 under the provider's care receives such screening within the  
25 medically appropriate timeframe. The requirement does not  
26 apply if a parent objects to the screening. If a parent does  
27 object, the attending health care provider is required to  
28 document the refusal in the newborn's medical record and obtain  
29 a written refusal from the parent and report the refusal to the  
30 department of public health. The results of a congenital CMV  
31 screening are required to be reported in a manner consistent  
32 with the reporting of the results of metabolic screenings. The  
33 center for congenital and inherited disorders is directed to  
34 adopt rules to administer the bill.

35 The bill also requires the center for congenital and

1 inherited disorders, in collaboration with state and local  
2 health agencies and other public and private organizations,  
3 to develop and publish or approve and publish informational  
4 materials to educate and raise awareness of CMV and congenital  
5 CMV among women who may become pregnant, expectant parents,  
6 parents of infants, attending health care providers, and  
7 others, as appropriate. The materials are to include  
8 information regarding the incidence of CMV and congenital  
9 CMV, the transmission of CMV to a pregnant woman or woman who  
10 may become pregnant, birth defects caused by congenital CMV,  
11 methods of diagnosing congenital CMV, and available preventive  
12 measures to avoid CMV infection by women who are pregnant or  
13 who may become pregnant. An attending health care provider is  
14 required to provide the informational materials to a pregnant  
15 woman during the first trimester of the pregnancy, and the  
16 center for congenital and inherited disorders is required to  
17 make the informational materials available to attending health  
18 care providers upon request. The department of public health  
19 is required to publish the informational materials on its  
20 internet site.