



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 436

SENATE BILL NO. 44

By Massey, Bowling, Briggs

Substituted for: House Bill No. 33

By Dunn, Lollar, Hulse, Harrison, Haynes, Hazlewood, Smith, Hardaway, Kevin Brooks, Todd, Fitzhugh, Sargent, Camper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 5, relative to newborn testing.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Mabry Kate Webb Act".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-5-401(a), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(3) All infants born in this state shall be tested for specific genetic, metabolic, or other heritable conditions beginning six (6) months following the occurrence of all of the following:

(A) The development of a reliable test or series of tests for screening newborns for specific genetic, metabolic, or other heritable conditions using dried blood spots or other testing and quality assurance testing methodology for such specific genetic, metabolic or the heritable conditions testing;

(B) The availability of quality assurance materials for the specific genetic, metabolic, or other heritable condition tests from the federal centers for disease control and prevention;

(C) The review and approval of the proposed test by the genetics advisory committee of the department of health; and

(D) The acquisition of necessary equipment, completion of appropriate validation tests, and hiring of any necessary staff to implement the expanded screening tests by the newborn screening laboratory and newborn screening follow-up program of the state.

(4) The department of health may charge a reasonable fee and any reasonable increase in this fee, as necessary, for the test performed pursuant to this section. The amount of the fee and the procedures for collecting the fee shall be determined by the commissioner of health.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 22, 2015



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 18th day of MAY 2015



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR