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COMMITTEE REPORT

March 3, 2022

**S. 992**

Introduced by Senators Rice, Kimbrell, Verdin, Shealy, Adams, Hutto, McElveen, Gambrell and Garrett

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Read the first time January 19, 2022.

**THE COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL AFFAIRS**

To whom was referred a Bill (S. 992) to amend Section 44-37-30(b) of the 1976 Code, relating to information obtained from neonatal testing of children, to provide that, at the same, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass with amendment:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking lines 32 through 35, and inserting:

/ (2) In instances where a child has a time‑critical abnormal newborn screening result, the department shall notify the child’s primary care provider, if known, and may provide information about those abnormal screening results to a qualified pediatric specialist for the timely provision of follow‑up services, including further testing, treatment, counseling, and education as needed.” /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

DANIEL B. VERDIN III for Committee.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 44-37-30(B) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM NEONATAL TESTING OF CHILDREN, TO PROVIDE THAT, AT THE SAME TIME INFORMATION IS RELEASED TO A CHILD’S PHYSICIAN, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REFER CHILDREN WITH METABOLIC, GENETIC, OR CONGENITAL DISORDERS TO A QUALIFIED SPECIALIST FOR FOLLOW-UP SERVICES, INCLUDING TREATMENT, COUNSELING, AND EDUCATION.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 44-37-30(B) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(B)(1) Information obtained as a result of the tests conducted pursuant to this section is confidential and may be released only to a parent or legal guardian of the child, the child's physician, and the child when eighteen years of age or older when requested on a form promulgated in regulation by the department.

(2) At the same time information is released to the child’s physician, the department shall refer children with metabolic, genetic, or congenital disorders to a qualified specialist for follow-up services, including treatment, counseling, and education.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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