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Bill Number: S. 0394 Amended by Senate Medical Affairs on February 22, 2023
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Subject: Neonatal Testing
Requestor: House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs
RFA Analyst(s): Griffith
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill allows the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) to notify certain physicians or health care providers following an abnormal result of a neonatal test. Additionally, if the results of the neonatal testing are abnormal, time-sensitive, or time-critical, DHEC may notify and provide information to a qualified pediatric specialist in accordance with guidelines established by DHEC’s Newborn Screening Advisory Committee. There is no expenditure impact on DHEC since the agency will accomplish the duties required in the bill with existing appropriations and staff.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Amended by Senate Medical Affairs on February 22, 2023

State Expenditure

This bill relates to abnormal results of a neonatal test. The bill allows DHEC to notify one or more of the following to ensure timely provision of follow-up services:

- the physician or health care provider attending the child’s birth or his designee,
- the physician or health care provider responsible for newborn care in the hospital, or
- the physician or health care provider identified for follow-up care after the newborn’s discharge from the hospital.

Additionally, if the results of the neonatal testing are abnormal, time-sensitive, or time-critical, DHEC may notify and provide information to a qualified pediatric specialist in accordance with guidelines established by DHEC’s Newborn Screening Advisory Committee. The agency indicates that it will accomplish these duties with existing appropriations and staff. Therefore, there is no expenditure impact on DHEC.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure and Local Revenue

N/A

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