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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for screening of children under the age of three for autism spectrum disorder.

Proposed law requires any physician who provides early and periodic screening, diagnostic, and treatment services (known commonly as a well child visit) for a child under the age of three to determine whether the child has previously been screened for autism spectrum disorder.

Proposed law provides that if the child has not been screened for autism spectrum disorder, then the physician shall cause the child to be screened for such disorder. Stipulates, however, that no such screening shall be conducted upon any child whose parent or tutor (known commonly as a legal guardian) objects to the screening.

(Adds R.S. 40:1091)