

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law provided that a physician or person attending to the care of a newborn child shall cause the child to be tested for a list of genetic conditions approved by the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) as enumerated in prior law.

New law removes the list of conditions provided in prior law and instead requires LDH to promulgate a list of genetic or other congenital conditions in administrative rules for which a newborn child should be tested.

Prior law allowed the parent of a newborn child to object to testing his child for any genetic condition listed in prior law.

New law allows the parent or guardian of a newborn child to object to testing his child for any genetic or other congenital condition promulgated by LDH in accordance with new law.

Prior law provided that the tests required in prior law shall be subject to funding for laboratory test, follow-up, and treatment.

New law requires the laboratory established by LDH, in accordance with existing law, to provide testing for each condition promulgated by LDH in accordance with new law.

New law provides that the testing, services, and facilities required in new law shall be subject to available funding.

Prior law required LDH to add to the genetic conditions tested in prior law after consultation with medical geneticists from each of the state's medical schools and in accordance with rules adopted in prior law.

New law removes the consultation requirement and instead requires the list to be reviewed by the state health officer, in consultation with departmental genetic disease advisory subject matter experts, to determine whether additional conditions should be recommended to the LDH secretary.

New law provides that LDH shall provide an annual report to the legislature, beginning March 1, 2024, of any condition added to the list and the department's review and determination on the condition.

New law further provides that, after adding a genetic or other congenital condition to the list, LDH shall request a legislative appropriation for any funding necessary for conducting the test and providing the services required in accordance with new law.

Effective upon signature of governor (May 30, 2023).

(Amends R.S. 40:1081.2(A)(1) and (5) and (B))