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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

BY REPRESENTATIVE FOIL

CHILDREN/NEWBORNS: Requests the La. Department of Health to add Severe Combined Immunodeficiency to the state's newborn screening panel

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to take such actions as are
3	necessary to add Severe Combined Immunodeficiency to the newborn screening
4	panel of this state.
5	WHEREAS, Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID) is a life threatening
6	syndrome in which a person's adaptive immune system is severely impaired; and
7	WHEREAS, persons with SCID are extremely vulnerable to ordinary infections, and
8	viruses that are minor for persons without SCID are often deadly for persons who have
9	SCID; and
10	WHEREAS, SCID is detectable through genetic testing, and early detection of this
11	disorder is vital to ensure the survival of those persons with SCID; and
12	WHEREAS, newborn screening identifies babies with congenital disorders like
13	SCID; and
14	WHEREAS, nearly four million newborns are screened annually in the United States
15	for numerous diseases, and forty-six states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia
16	currently screen for SCID; and
17	WHEREAS, screening for SCID in a newborn child is not included in Louisiana's
18	current newborn screening panel.

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1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby

- 2 urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to take such actions as are necessary
- 3 to add Severe Combined Immunodeficiency to the newborn screening panel of this state.
- 4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
- 5 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

DIGEST

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