



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE  
Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 122** HLS 23RS 404  
 Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action:  
 Proposed Amd.:  
 Sub. Bill For.:

<b>Date:</b> April 19, 2023	3:01 PM	<b>Author:</b> HORTON
<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> LDH		
<b>Subject:</b> Cytomegalovirus		<b>Analyst:</b> Tanesha Morgan

CHILDREN/NEWBORNS OR +\$555,517 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Provides relative to the mandatory screening of all newborns for early detection of the cytomegalovirus (CMV)

Present law provides that a physician attending to the care of a newborn child shall cause the child to be subjected to a list of genetic conditions provided for in present law that has been approved by the La. Dept. of Health (LDH). Present law further provides that the genetic conditions shall be tested upon approval by the newborn child's parents. Proposed law retains present law and adds cytomegalovirus (CMV) to the list of genetic conditions to be approved and tested by LDH.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$555,517	\$555,517	\$555,517	\$555,517	\$555,517	<b>\$2,777,585</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$952,483	\$952,483	\$952,483	\$952,483	\$952,483	<b>\$4,762,415</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$1,508,000</b>	<b>\$1,508,000</b>	<b>\$1,508,000</b>	<b>\$1,508,000</b>	<b>\$1,508,000</b>	<b>\$7,540,000</b>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

The proposed legislation is anticipated to increase annual expenditures at OPH by approximately \$1,508,000 (\$555,517 SGF) for testing (\$26 per test x 58,000 births) as a result of adding CMV to the newborn screening panel. The OPH's Genetic Disease program and laboratory services would provide for screening, follow up, and surveillance activities for CMV.

To the extent a baby tests positive for CMV, there will be costs associated with treatment. Treatment cost is not included in the fiscal note.

NOTE: A portion of the testing cost will be reimbursed to OPH by the Medicaid program. The total annual reimbursement is anticipated to be \$1,221,132 which is calculated by multiplying the Medicaid reimbursement rate for the tests by the projected number of Medicaid eligible newborns (34,800 Medicaid newborns x \$35.09 reimbursement rate for tests). The total reimbursement would represent an approximate 22% cost to DHH in state matching funds of \$268,649 and \$952,483 of federal funds.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

The proposed legislation adds CMV to the newborn screening panel, resulting in an increase in expenses that are eligible for reimbursement through Medicaid. The increase in federal revenue is anticipated to be \$952,483. See NOTE above.

Senate      Dual Referral Rules  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House  
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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