

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 643 (Substitute for House Bill No. 122 by Representative Horton)

BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON

CHILDREN/NEWBORNS: Provides relative to cytomegalovirus (CMV) testing for newborns

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Subpart F of Part VI of Chapter 5-A of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes  
3 of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:1086.21, relative to point of care testing for  
4 newborns; to require testing for the cytomegalovirus (CMV); to provide for  
5 reporting; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. Subpart F of Part VI of Chapter 5-A of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised  
8 Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 40:1086.21, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 SUBPART F. CYTOMEGALOVIRUS (CMV) TESTING

10 §1086.21. Cytomegalovirus; point of care testing; reporting

11 Every hospital, birthing center, licensed midwife, and certified nurse midwife  
12 shall ensure that any delivered newborn is administered point of care testing for  
13 cytomegalovirus (CMV). Any positive test report of such point of care testing shall  
14 be provided to the Louisiana Department of Health within five days.

15 Section 2. This Act shall be known and may be cited as "Journie's Law".

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**DIGEST**

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HB 643 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Requires cytomegalovirus (CMV) testing for newborns.

Proposed law requires every hospital, birthing center, licensed midwife, and certified nurse midwife to ensure that any delivered newborn is administered point of care testing for CMV.

Proposed law further requires that any positive test report of such point of care testing be provided to the La. Dept. of Health within five days.

Proposed law shall be known and may be cited as "Journie's Law".

(Adds R.S. 40:1086.21)