

1-1 By: Crownover, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Nelson) H.B. No. 1671
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 1, 2009;
1-3 April 7, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
1-4 and Human Services; May 4, 2009, reported favorably by the
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to mutual aid agreements for newborn screening laboratory
1-9 services.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 12, Health and Safety
1-12 Code, is amended by adding Section 12.01221 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 12.01221. MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT FOR NEWBORN SCREENING
1-14 LABORATORY SERVICES. (a) In this section, "newborn screening
1-15 laboratory services" means the performance of tests to analyze
1-16 specimens collected as part of the newborn screenings performed
1-17 under Subchapter B, Chapter 33.

1-18 (b) Notwithstanding Section 12.0122 or other law, the
1-19 department may enter into a mutual aid agreement to provide newborn
1-20 screening laboratory services to another state and to receive
1-21 newborn screening laboratory services from another state in the
1-22 event of an unexpected interruption of service, including an
1-23 interruption caused by a disaster.

1-24 (c) Each mutual aid agreement under Subsection (b) shall
1-25 include provisions:

1-26 (1) to address the confidentiality of the identity of
1-27 the newborn child and the newborn child's family; and

1-28 (2) to ensure the return of blood specimens and
1-29 related records to the state that received the newborn screening
1-30 laboratory services.

1-31 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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