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H.B. No. 2478

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an annual report regarding certain newborn screening tests.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 33, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 33.020 to read as follows:

Sec. 33.020. ANNUAL REPORT. (a) For each newborn screening test that screens for a disorder included in the list of core conditions described by Section 33.011(a-1) that is not required by the department, the department shall, not later than September 1 of each year, prepare and submit a written report to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and each standing committee of the legislature having primary jurisdiction over the department. The written report must:

(1) identify any additional program capacity or resources the department would need to:

(A) implement the additional newborn screening test; and

(B) require each newborn in the state to receive the additional newborn screening test; and

(2) summarize the plan for implementing and requiring the additional newborn screening test, including by identifying:

(A) any potential barriers to implementation; and

1 (B) the anticipated implementation date.

2 (b) As part of the plan described by Subsection (a)(2), the
3 report must include information on whether the department is
4 capable of implementing the required additional newborn screening
5 test within a 24-month period.

6 SECTION 2. Section 33.054, Health and Safety Code, is
7 repealed.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.