



HOUSE BILL 736: Timely Updates to Newborn Screening Program.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 736 would require a condition to be added to the Newborn Screening Program within three years of being added to the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel (RUSP) and creates reporting requirements for the Department of Health and Human Services to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services regarding the newborn screening program.*

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 736 would require a condition to be added to the NC Newborn Screening Program within three years of being added to the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel (RUSP).

The bill also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to provide a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services 18 months after a condition is added to the RUSP.

When a delay adding a RUSP identified condition to the Newborn Screening Program exceeds three years, the Department shall provide a report on the status and reasons for the delay to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services every six months following the three-year delay.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill would become effective January 1, 2022.

BACKGROUND: The [Recommended Uniform Screening Panel \(RUSP\)](#) is a list of disorders that the U.S. Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services recommends for states to screen as part of their state universal newborn screening (NBS) programs.

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