

House Bill 1301

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 12 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 control of hazardous conditions, preventable diseases, and metabolic disorders, so as to  
3 require the newborn screening system to include Duchenne muscular dystrophy; to provide  
4 for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 12 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to control of  
9 hazardous conditions, preventable diseases, and metabolic disorders, is amended by revising  
10 subsection (a) of Code Section 31-12-6, relating to a system for prevention of serious illness,  
11 severe physical or developmental disability, and death resulting from inherited metabolic and  
12 genetic disorders, and establishment of Newborn Screening and Genetics Advisory  
13 Committee, as follows:

14 "(a) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations creating a newborn screening  
15 system, which shall include screening for Duchenne muscular dystrophy, for the prevention  
16 of serious illness, severe physical or developmental disability, and death caused by

17 inherited metabolic and genetic disorders as identified by the department. The department  
18 shall be authorized to consider recommendations from the Newborn Screening and  
19 Genetics Advisory Committee established pursuant to subsection (i) of this Code section,  
20 to include disorders which are added to the federal Recommended Uniform Screening  
21 Panel and may be identified in the future to result in serious illness, severe physical or  
22 developmental disability, and death if undiagnosed and untreated.”

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 This Act shall become effective on December 31, 2025.

25 **SECTION 3.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.