



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Synopsis of House Committee Amendments*

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Removes from the bill provisions that required hospitals and freestanding birthing centers to conduct pulse oximetry screenings on newborns in order to identify heart defects. Requires instead that hospitals and freestanding birthing centers conduct screenings for critical congenital heart defects through the use of a physiologic test.

Requires the Director of Health to adopt rules specifying screening equipment and methods that include pulse oximetry or other equipment and methods that detect critical congenital heart defects at least as accurately as pulse oximetry.

Requires that the Director, when adopting rules specifying screening equipment and methods, be consistent with recommendations of nationally recognized organizations that advocate on behalf of medical professionals or individuals with cardiovascular conditions.

Removes from the bill provisions that required hospitals and freestanding birthing centers to notify the Department of Health of the screening results for each newborn screened. Requires instead that the Director adopt rules concerning reporting screening results to the Department of Health.