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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT ADOPTED

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Introduced by Senators Rice, Kimbrell, Verdin, Shealy, Adams, Hutto, McElveen, Gambrell and Garrett

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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 44-37-30(B) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM NEONATAL TESTING OF CHILDREN, TO PROVIDE THAT, AT THE SAME TIME INFORMATION IS RELEASED TO A CHILD’S PHYSICIAN, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REFER CHILDREN WITH METABOLIC, GENETIC, OR CONGENITAL DISORDERS TO A QUALIFIED SPECIALIST FOR FOLLOW-UP SERVICES, INCLUDING TREATMENT, COUNSELING, AND EDUCATION.

Amend Title To Conform

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 44-37-30(B) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(B)(1) Information obtained as a result of the tests conducted pursuant to this section is confidential and may be released only to a parent or legal guardian of the child, the child's physician, and the child when eighteen years of age or older when requested on a form promulgated in regulation by the department.

(2) In instances where a child has a time‑critical abnormal newborn screening result, the department shall notify the child’s primary care provider, if known, and may provide information about those abnormal screening results to a qualified pediatric specialist for the timely provision of follow‑up services, including further testing, treatment, counseling, and education as needed.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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