

House Bill 521

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 31-12-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to a  
2 system for prevention of serious illness, severe physical or developmental disability, and  
3 death resulting from inherited metabolic and genetic disorders, so as to add certain genetic  
4 conditions to the list of genetic conditions for which the Department of Community Health  
5 has created a system of prevention; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;  
6 and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 31-12-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to a system for  
10 prevention of serious illness, severe physical or developmental disability, and death resulting  
11 from inherited metabolic and genetic disorders, is amended by revising subsection (a) as  
12 follows:

13 "(a) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations creating a system for the  
14 prevention of serious illness, severe physical or developmental disability, and death caused  
15 by genetic conditions, such as phenylketonuria, galactosemia, homocystinuria, maple syrup  
16 urine disease, hypothyroidism, congenital adrenal hyperplasia, citrullinemia,  
17 argininosuccinic acidemia, tyrosinemia type I, isovaleric acidemia, glutaric acidemia type  
18 I, hydroxymethylglutaric aciduria, multiple carboxylase deficiency, methylmalonic  
19 acidemia due to mutase deficiency, methylmalonic acidemia, 3-methylcrotonyl-CoA  
20 carboxylase deficiency, propionic acidemia, beta-ketothiolase deficiency, medium-chain  
21 acyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency, very long-chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency,  
22 long-chain 3-OH acyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency, trifunctional protein deficiency,  
23 carnitine uptake defect, sickle cell anemia, Hb S/beta-thalassemia, Hb S/C disease,  
24 biotinidase deficiency, cystic fibrosis, and such other inherited metabolic and genetic  
25 disorders as may be identified in the future to result in serious illness, severe physical or  
26 developmental disability, and death if undiagnosed and untreated. The system shall have

27 five components: screening newborns for the disorders; retrieving potentially affected  
28 screenees back into the health care system; accomplishing specific diagnoses; initiating and  
29 continuing therapy; and assessing the program."

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**SECTION 2.**

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