

Senate Bill 447

By: Senators James of the 35th and Rhett of the 33rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 31-12-6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
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 Tay-Sachs
4 disease, cystic fibrosis, polycystic kidney disease, Huntington's disease, Marfan syndrome,
5 and neurofibromatosis to the genetic conditions identified by the Department of Public
6 Health for inclusion in the system for the prevention of serious illness, severe physical or
7 developmental disability, and death caused by genetic conditions; to provide for related
8 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

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

15 "(a) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations creating a system for the
16 prevention of serious illness, severe physical or developmental disability, and death caused
17 by genetic conditions, such as phenylketonuria, galactosemia, homocystinuria, maple syrup
18 urine disease, hypothyroidism, congenital adrenal hyperplasia, Krabbe disease, Tay-Sachs
19 disease, cystic fibrosis, polycystic kidney disease, Huntington's disease, Marfan syndrome,
20 neurofibromatosis, and such other inherited metabolic and genetic disorders as may be
21 identified in the future to result in serious illness, severe physical or developmental
22 disability, and death if undiagnosed and untreated. The system shall have five components:
23 screening newborns for the disorders; retrieving potentially affected screenees back into
24 the health care system; accomplishing specific diagnoses; initiating and continuing therapy;
25 and assessing the program."

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SECTION 2.

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.