



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1220

PRINTERS NO. 2923

PRIME SPONSOR: Cruz

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2019/20	FY 2020/21
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: House Bill 1220, Printer's Number 2923, creates the freestanding CMV Education and Newborn Screening Act. This legislation is effective in 90 days.

ANALYSIS: HB 1220 directs the Department of Health (DOH) to make information regarding Cytomegalovirus (CMV) available on DOH's publicly accessible Internet website, which shall include:

- Up-to-date, evidence-based information about CMV that has been reviewed by medical experts and national CMV organizations that includes the following:
 - The incidence of CMV;
 - The transmission of CMV to pregnant women and women who may become pregnant;
 - Birth defects caused by congenital CMV;
 - Methods of diagnosing congenital CMV;
 - Available preventive measures;
 - Treatment options;
 - Any other information DOH deems necessary.
- Contact information regarding support programs and services, including the following:
 - Information hotlines specific to CMV;
 - Relevant resource centers or clearinghouses;
 - National and local CMV organizations;
 - Educational and support programs.

A health care practitioner, certified-nurse midwife or direct-entry midwife that assumes responsibility for the prenatal care of a pregnant woman shall provide the educational information regarding CMV.

In addition, DOH shall require a birth facility, health care practitioner, certified-nurse midwife or direct-entry midwife that assumes care of a newborn child to screen the newborn child for CMV before the newborn child is 21 days of age if:

- The newborn child fails the newborn hearing screening under the Infant Hearing Education, Assessment, Reporting and Referral (IHEARR) Act; or
- The parent or guardian of a newborn child requests that the newborn child be tested for CMV.

The screening requirements may not be performed if a parent or guardian of the newborn child dissents on the grounds that the screening conflicts with a religious belief or practice.

DOH is directed to promulgate regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation should have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.

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DATE: November 20, 2019

Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.