

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 827

BY REPRESENTATIVE GADBERRY

HEALTH/CHILDREN: Provides relative to screening of children for autism spectrum disorder

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Part VIII of Chapter 5-A of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be  
3 comprised of R.S. 40:1091, relative to health services for children; to provide  
4 relative to screening of children under a certain age for autism spectrum disorder; to  
5 require such screening in certain instances; to provide for exceptions to the screening  
6 requirement; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Part VIII of Chapter 5-A of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,  
9 comprised of R.S. 40:1091, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 PART VIII. AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

11 §1091. Autism spectrum disorder; screening of children

12 A. Any physician who provides early and periodic screening, diagnostic, and  
13 treatment services for a child under the age of three shall determine whether the child  
14 has previously been screened for autism spectrum disorder. If the child has not been  
15 screened for autism spectrum disorder, then, subject to the limitations of Subsection  
16 B of this Section, the physician shall cause the child to be screened for such disorder.

17 B. No screening for autism spectrum disorder provided for in Subsection A  
18 of this Section shall be conducted upon any child whose parent or tutor objects to the  
19 screening.

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Provides for screening of children under the age of three for autism spectrum disorder.

Proposed law requires any physician who provides early and periodic screening, diagnostic, and treatment services (known commonly as a well child visit) for a child under the age of three to determine whether the child has previously been screened for autism spectrum disorder.

Proposed law provides that if the child has not been screened for autism spectrum disorder, then the physician shall cause the child to be screened for such disorder. Stipulates, however, that no such screening shall be conducted upon any child whose parent or tutor (known commonly as a legal guardian) objects to the screening.

(Adds R.S. 40:1091)