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Bill Number: H. 4599 Prefiled on November 17, 2021
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Subject: Newborn Health Screening, Spinal Muscular Atrophy
Requestor: House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs
RFA Analyst(s): Wren
Impact Date: December 16, 2021

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill requires the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) to add a test for Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) to the existing neonatal tests. This bill will have no expenditure impact on DHEC since the appropriations related to Act 55 of 2019 will cover expenses related to the new test.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill requires DHEC to add a test for SMA to the existing neonatal tests. Implementation of the bill is contingent upon available funding from public sources. Based upon data from DHEC, expenditures for the existing newborn screening program totaled approximately \$7,530,000 in FY 2020-21, while reimbursements from hospitals and physicians totaled approximately \$6,324,000. This resulted in DHEC utilizing General Fund appropriations to offset the deficit of \$1,206,000 in FY 2020-21.

DHEC indicates that its laboratory is already implementing testing for the new test for SMA required under this bill. The General Fund appropriations for newborn testing required under Act 55 of 2019 will cover any equipment and personnel costs related to the new test for spinal muscular atrophy as well. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on DHEC. Further, DHEC indicates that the projected date to start testing for SMA is July 2022.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

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