



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 431**

**SENATE BILL NO. 698**

**By Crowe**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1358

By Farmer, Clemmons, Ragan

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 14; Title 33; Title 56; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to health care.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

WHEREAS, metachromatic leukodystrophy (MLD), is a rare genetic brain disease that can be tested for during newborn screenings via a simple pin prick of the foot of the newborn in order to test the blood; and

WHEREAS, the availability of newborn screening for MLD is very limited and not yet recommended in the United States by the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel, which is the list of disorders recommended by the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services for newborn screening programs; and

WHEREAS, it is vitally important that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Recommended Uniform Screening Panel quickly review and recommend newborn screening for MLD and provide assistance to the State to address their respective abilities to screen for the disorder and the availability of effective treatments; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The department of health is directed to officially request the United States department of health and human services to add newborn screening for metachromatic leukodystrophy to the recommended uniform screening panel.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 20, 2023

  
Randy McNally  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
Cameron Sexton, Speaker  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023

  
Bill Lee, GOVERNOR