

## HOUSE BILL No. 2239

By Committee on Judiciary

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1 AN ACT requiring newborn screenings for critical congenital heart  
2 disease.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. (a) Each licensed hospital, freestanding birthing center, as  
6 defined in K.S.A. 65-1,241(a)(2), and amendments thereto, and facility  
7 that provides maternity and newborn care services shall provide screening  
8 for congenital heart disease to all newborns prior to discharge using pulse  
9 oximetry screening. Such screening must occur after the infant is 24 hours  
10 of age and before discharge from the nursery. If discharge occurs before  
11 the infant is 24 hours of age, such screening must occur as close as  
12 possible to the time of discharge.

13 (b) For premature infants less than 36 weeks of gestation and infants  
14 admitted to a higher level nursery, including special care or intensive care,  
15 pulse oximetry must be performed when medically appropriate prior to  
16 discharge.

17 (c) Hospitals, birthing centers and other facilities required to provide  
18 screenings pursuant to this act shall report screening results to the  
19 department of health and environment.

20 (d) The secretary of health and environment shall:

21 (1) Communicate screening protocol requirements for screenings  
22 required pursuant to this act;

23 (2) make information and forms available to expectant parents,  
24 parents of newborns, hospitals, birthing centers, other facilities required to  
25 provide such screenings and health care providers who provide prenatal  
26 care to expectant parents and care to newborns. Such information must  
27 include screening protocol and reporting requirements and parental  
28 options;

29 (3) provide training to ensure compliance with and appropriate  
30 implementation of such screenings;

31 (4) establish the mechanism for required data collection and reporting  
32 of screening and follow-up diagnostic results to the secretary according to  
33 the secretary's recommendations;

34 (5) coordinate the implementation of universal standardized  
35 screening; and

36 (6) act as a resource for providers while the screening program is

1 implemented and, in consultation with the Kansas advisory council on  
2 newborn screening, develop and implement policies for early medical and  
3 developmental intervention services and long-term follow-up services for  
4 children identified with a critical congenital heart disease and such  
5 children's families.

6 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
7 publication in the statute book.