

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5829**

Chapter 96, Laws of 2024

68th Legislature  
2024 Regular Session

CONGENITAL CYTOMEGALOVIRUS—NEWBORN SCREENING

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 6, 2024

Passed by the Senate February 13,  
2024

Yeas 49 Nays 0

DENNY HECK

**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House February 28, 2024

Yeas 95 Nays 0

LURIE JINKINS

**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

Approved March 14, 2024 11:31 AM

CERTIFICATE

I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5829** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

SARAH BANNISTER

**Secretary**

FILED

March 14, 2024

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Health & Long Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Frame, Rivers, Shewmake, Trudeau, Lovelett, Dhingra, Hasegawa, Kuderer, Lias, Nobles, Valdez, and C. Wilson)

READ FIRST TIME 01/26/24.

1       AN ACT Relating to screening newborn infants for congenital  
2 cytomegalovirus; adding a new section to chapter 43.70 RCW; creating  
3 a new section; and providing an expiration date.

4       BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5       NEW SECTION.     **Sec. 1.**     (1) The state board of health shall  
6 consider whether or not to add congenital cytomegalovirus screening  
7 to the mandatory screening panel as required by RCW 70.83.020. The  
8 state board of health shall submit to the governor and relevant  
9 committees of the legislature a report no later than December 31,  
10 2025, and include a summary of the evaluation conducted in this  
11 section and the findings and recommendations on the addition of  
12 congenital cytomegalovirus screening to the mandatory newborn  
13 screening panel.

14       (2) This section expires July 30, 2026.

15       NEW SECTION.     **Sec. 2.**     A new section is added to chapter 43.70  
16 RCW to read as follows:

17       Subject to amounts appropriated specifically for this purpose,  
18 the department shall develop and make available educational resources  
19 for pregnant individuals about the nature and consequences of in  
20 utero exposure to cytomegalovirus and strategies to reduce the

1 transmission of cytomegalovirus. The educational resources may  
2 include, but are not limited to, courses delivered in-person or  
3 electronically, pamphlets printed on paper and distributed through  
4 the watch me grow program, social media content, or made available on  
5 the department's website. The department shall also provide  
6 educational materials and outreach for providers regarding the  
7 strategies to reduce transmission of cytomegalovirus. The educational  
8 materials are intended to lower cytomegalovirus infection rates among  
9 pregnant individuals to save lives and prevent disability in their  
10 unborn children.

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