

House Bill 1029

By: Representatives Mathiak of the 74th, Cooper of the 45th, Mainor of the 56th, Camp of the 135th, and Hagan of the 156th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 12 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 control of hazardous conditions, preventable diseases, and metabolic disorders, so as to
3 require the newborn screening system to include Duchenne muscular dystrophy; to provide
4 for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 12 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to control of
9 hazardous conditions, preventable diseases, and metabolic disorders, is amended by revising
10 subsection (a) of Code Section 31-12-6, relating to a system for prevention of serious illness,
11 severe physical or developmental disability, and death resulting from inherited metabolic and
12 genetic disorders, and establishment of Newborn Screening and Genetics Advisory
13 Committee, as follows:

14 "(a) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations creating a newborn screening
15 system, which shall include screening for Duchenne muscular dystrophy, for the prevention
16 of serious illness, severe physical or developmental disability, and death caused by

17 inherited metabolic and genetic disorders as identified by the department. The department
18 shall be authorized to consider recommendations from the Newborn Screening and
19 Genetics Advisory Committee established pursuant to subsection (i) of this Code section,
20 to include disorders which are added to the federal Recommended Uniform Screening
21 Panel and may be identified in the future to result in serious illness, severe physical or
22 developmental disability, and death if undiagnosed and untreated.”

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2025.

25 **SECTION 3.**

26 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.