

1-1 By: Pierson, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Uresti) H.B. No. 1795  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 15, 2009;  
1-3 May 18, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Health  
1-4 and Human Services; May 21, 2009, reported favorably by the  
1-5 following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 21, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to newborn screening and the creation of the Newborn  
1-9 Screening Advisory Committee.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as "Greyson's Law" in  
1-12 memory of Greyson Morris.

1-13 SECTION 2. Section 33.011(a-1), Health and Safety Code, is  
1-14 amended to read as follows:

1-15 (a-1) Except as provided by this subsection and to [To] the  
1-16 extent funding is available for the screening, the department shall  
1-17 require newborn screening tests to screen for disorders listed in  
1-18 the core [~~uniform~~] panel and in the secondary targets of the uniform  
1-19 newborn screening panel [~~conditions~~] recommended in the 2005 report  
1-20 by the American College of Medical Genetics entitled "Newborn  
1-21 Screening: Toward a Uniform Screening Panel and System" or another  
1-22 report determined by the department to provide more stringent [~~more~~  
1-23 appropriate] newborn screening guidelines to protect the health and  
1-24 welfare of this state's newborns. The department, with the advice  
1-25 of the Newborn Screening Advisory Committee, may require additional  
1-26 newborn screening tests under this subsection to screen for other  
1-27 disorders or conditions. The department may exclude from the  
1-28 newborn screening tests required under this subsection screenings  
1-29 for galactose epimerase and galactokinase.

1-30 SECTION 3. Subchapter B, Chapter 33, Health and Safety  
1-31 Code, is amended by adding Section 33.017 to read as follows:

1-32 Sec. 33.017. NEWBORN SCREENING ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a)  
1-33 The department shall establish the Newborn Screening Advisory  
1-34 Committee.

1-35 (b) The advisory committee consists of members appointed by  
1-36 the commissioner of state health services. The advisory committee  
1-37 must include the following members:

- 1-38 (1) health care providers;  
1-39 (2) a hospital representative;  
1-40 (3) persons who have family members affected by a  
1-41 condition for which newborn screening is or may be required under  
1-42 this subchapter; and  
1-43 (4) persons who are involved in the delivery of  
1-44 newborn screening services, follow-up, or treatment in this state.

1-45 (c) The advisory committee shall advise the department  
1-46 regarding strategic planning, policy, rules, and services related  
1-47 to newborn screening and additional newborn screening tests.

1-48 (d) The advisory committee shall adopt bylaws governing the  
1-49 committee's operations.

1-50 (e) The advisory committee may appoint subcommittees.

1-51 (f) The advisory committee shall meet at least three times  
1-52 each year and at other times at the call of the commissioner of  
1-53 state health services.

1-54 (g) A member of the advisory committee is not entitled to  
1-55 compensation, but is entitled to reimbursement for travel or other  
1-56 expenses incurred by the member while conducting the business of  
1-57 the advisory committee, as provided by the General Appropriations  
1-58 Act.

1-59 (h) The advisory committee is not subject to Chapter 2110,  
1-60 Government Code.

1-61 SECTION 4. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective  
1-62 date of this Act, the commissioner of state health services shall  
1-63 appoint members to the Newborn Screening Advisory Committee as  
1-64 required under Section 33.017, Health and Safety Code, as added by

2-1 this Act.

2-2 (b) Notwithstanding Section 33.011, Health and Safety Code,  
2-3 as amended by this Act, a physician or person attending the delivery  
2-4 of a newborn child is not required to subject the child to the  
2-5 additional newborn screening tests required under Section  
2-6 33.011(a-1), Health and Safety Code, as amended by this Act, until  
2-7 January 1, 2010.

2-8 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

2-9

\* \* \* \* \*