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- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to provide for
- 2 cytomegalovirus public education and prevention.
- 3 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) The Department of Health and Human Services shall
2 develop and publish informational materials for women who may become
3 pregnant, expectant parents, and parents of infants regarding:

4 (a) The incidence of cytomegalovirus;

5 (b) The transmission of cytomegalovirus to pregnant women and women
6 who may become pregnant;

7 (c) Birth defects caused by congenital cytomegalovirus;

8 (d) Methods of diagnosing congenital cytomegalovirus;

9 (e) Available preventative measures to avoid the infection of women
10 who are pregnant or who may become pregnant; and

11 (f) Early interventions, treatment, and services available for
12 children diagnosed with congenital cytomegalovirus.

13 (2) The department shall publish such informational materials on its
14 website and make the materials available to child care facilities, school
15 nurses, hospitals, birthing facilities as defined in section 71-4736, and
16 health care providers offering care to pregnant women and infants, upon
17 request.

18 Sec. 2. A health care provider offering care to pregnant women
19 shall provide the informational materials published under section 1 of
20 this act to each pregnant woman during the first trimester of pregnancy
21 or when a pregnant woman comes under the care of a provider after the
22 first trimester of pregnancy.

23 Sec. 3. (1) If a newborn infant fails a hearing screening test as
24 provided in section 71-4742, the birthing facility performing such
25 screening shall provide to the parents of the newborn infant the
26 following information in basic form:

27 (a) Potential birth defects caused by congenital cytomegalovirus;

28 (b) Testing opportunities for cytomegalovirus, including the
29 opportunity to test for cytomegalovirus prior to the infant's discharge
30 from the hospital or birthing facility; and

31 (c) Early intervention services.

1 (2) The informational material published under section 1 of this
2 act, and such additional clarifying information as required by the
3 parents, shall be provided to the parents at the newborn infant's follow-
4 up audiology appointment. Such audiology appointment shall take place
5 within twenty-one days after the newborn infant's birth.