



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 709

PRINTERS NO. 1761

PRIME SPONSOR: Tomlinson

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23
General Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Senate Bill 709, Printer's Number 1761, establishes the CMV Education and Newborn Screening Act. This legislation would be effective immediately.

ANALYSIS: SB 709 requires the Department of Health (DOH) to make information regarding cytomegalovirus (CMV) available on DOH's website, including:

- Up-to-date, evidence-based information about CMV, including the incidence of CMV, the transmission of CMV to pregnant women and women who may become pregnant, birth defects caused by congenital CMV, methods of diagnosing congenital CMV, available preventive measures, and treatment options.
- Contact information regarding support programs and services, including information on hotlines specific to CMV, relevant resource centers or clearinghouses, national and local CMV organizations, and educational and support programs.

The bill requires that a certified-nurse midwife, a health care practitioner, or an unlicensed midwife that assumes responsibility for the prenatal care of a pregnant woman provide the educational information regarding CMV.

Additionally, the bill requires a birthing facility, a certified-nurse midwife, a health care practitioner, or an unlicensed midwife to offer the parent or guardian of a newborn child screening or referral for screening of CMV if the child fails the initial newborn hearing screening under the Infant Hearing Education, Assessment, Reporting and Referral Act. The bill requires that a parent or guardian provide written consent before CMV screening is performed.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. The requirements for DOH can be accommodated within existing resources. Newborn hearing and CMV screenings are included in Medical Assistance (MA) benefits and will not result in increased costs for the MA program.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.