

HOUSE BILL No. 2350

By Representative Peterson

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AN ACT concerning health care; relating to newborn infant developmental screening and vital statistics.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) It shall be unlawful for any officer or employee of the state to disclose data contained in the vital statistics records except as authorized by law and by the secretary of health and environment to fulfill the purposes of this section. It shall be unlawful for any person who possesses, stores or in anyway handles vital statistics records under contract with the state to disclose any data contained in the records, except as authorized by law.

(b) Vital statistics records and files of the division of health concerning the births of children born to Kansas residents each month shall be screened at least once each month to identify newborn infants who have a birthweight of 1,200 grams or less; who have a five-minute APGAR score of 3 or less; or who have one of a specified set of genetic exceptionalities to be defined by the secretary of health and environment, to include, but not limited to: Chromosomal abnormalities, neurologic conditions or other birth defects.

(c) Information obtained from the vital statistics records and files by the secretary or the secretary's designee shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed except to notify the parents or legal guardian of the infant's screening results. The secretary or secretary's designee shall notify the parents or legal guardian of the results and when necessary provide additional information to the parents or legal guardian regarding the availability of voluntary and free child assessments to be found in the local community.

(d) The secretary of health and environment shall adopt such rules and regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.