

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 2563**

Ordered by the House March 25  
Including House Amendments dated March 25

Sponsored by Representatives MCLAIN, SOLLMAN, SCHOUTEN, HAYDEN; Representatives ALONSO LEON, KENY-GUYER, NOBLE, NOSSE, PRUSAK, SALINAS, SMITH WARNER, WILLIAMS, WITT (Presession filed.)

**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

*[Directs Oregon Health Authority to adopt rules requiring infants to be screened to detect certain diseases.]*

*[Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.]*

**Establishes Newborn Bloodspot Screening Advisory Board in Oregon Health Authority.  
Declares emergency, effective on passage.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

1  
2 Relating to screening newborns for diseases; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Newborn Bloodspot Screening Advisory Board is established in the**  
5 **Oregon Health Authority.**

6 **(2) The board consists of 13 voting members appointed by the Director of the Oregon**  
7 **Health Authority as follows:**

8 **(a) One member who is a person affected by a disorder included in the newborn screening**  
9 **panel or a family member of a person affected by a disorder included in the newborn**  
10 **screening panel;**

11 **(b) One member who is a licensed physician who by contract provides expert medical**  
12 **advice and consulting services to the Northwest Regional Newborn Bloodspot Screening**  
13 **Program;**

14 **(c) One member who is a representative of Medicaid or the insurance industry;**

15 **(d) Two members who are representatives of birthing centers or hospitals;**

16 **(e) One member who is a representative of an entity that contracts with the Northwest**  
17 **Regional Newborn Bloodspot Screening Program for newborn bloodspot screening services;**

18 **(f) Three members who are representatives of advocacy associations regarding newborns**  
19 **with medical conditions or rare disorders;**

20 **(g) One member who is a representative of a statewide association of nurses;**

21 **(h) One member who is a representative of a statewide association of midwives; and**

22 **(i) Two members who are representatives of a statewide association of pediatricians.**

23 **(3) In addition the requirements provided in subsection (2) of this section, one or more**  
24 **of the following professions must be represented as a voting member of the board:**

25 **(a) Neonatal intensive care specialist;**

26 **(b) Licensed physician or nurse practitioner who is board certified in obstetrics,**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **pediatrics or neonatology;**

2 **(c) Obstetrician or gynecologist;**

3 **(d) Nurse;**

4 **(e) Ethicist;**

5 **(f) Geneticist;**

6 **(g) Dietician; and**

7 **(h) Educator.**

8 **(4) To the greatest extent practicable, the director shall appoint members from a diverse**  
9 **range of socioeconomic, racial and ethnic backgrounds.**

10 **(5) In addition to the 13 voting members provided for in subsection (2) of this section,**  
11 **members of the Legislative Assembly or employees of the Oregon Health Authority may**  
12 **serve as nonvoting members.**

13 **(6) The term of office of each voting member of the board is four years, but a member**  
14 **serves at the pleasure of the director. Before the expiration of the term of a member, the**  
15 **director shall appoint a successor whose term begins on July 1 next following. A member is**  
16 **eligible for reappointment. If there is a vacancy for any cause, the director shall make an**  
17 **appointment to become immediately effective for the unexpired term.**

18 **(7) A voting member of the board is entitled to compensation and expenses as provided**  
19 **in ORS 292.495.**

20 **(8) The board shall select two of its members to jointly serve as chairpersons and another**  
21 **as vice chairperson, for terms and with duties and powers necessary for the performance of**  
22 **the functions of the offices as the board determines. One chairperson must be a voting**  
23 **member and the other chairperson must be the manager of the Northwest Regional Newborn**  
24 **Bloodspot Screening Program or the manager's designee. The manager or manager's**  
25 **designee must be a nonvoting member.**

26 **(9) A majority of the voting members of the board constitutes a quorum for the trans-**  
27 **action of business.**

28 **(10) The board shall meet at least once every six months at a time and place determined**  
29 **by the board. The board also may meet at other times and places specified by the call of one**  
30 **or both chairpersons or of a majority of the voting members of the board.**

31 **(11) The board shall report its findings and recommendations for legislative changes to**  
32 **the committees or interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health in the**  
33 **manner provided under ORS 192.245 no later than September 15 of each even numbered year.**

34 **SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the term of office specified by section 1 of this 2019 Act,**  
35 **of the members first appointed to the Newborn Bloodspot Screening Advisory Board:**

36 **(1) Three shall serve for a term ending July 1, 2020.**

37 **(2) Three shall serve for a term ending July 1, 2021.**

38 **(3) Three shall serve for a term ending July 1, 2022.**

39 **(4) Four shall serve for a term ending July 1, 2023.**

40 **SECTION 3. No later than December 15, 2019, the Newborn Bloodspot Screening Advisory**  
41 **Board shall conduct its first meeting and report its findings, which may include recommen-**  
42 **dations for legislative changes, to the committees or interim committees of the Legislative**  
43 **Assembly related to health.**

44 **SECTION 4. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
45 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect**

1 **on its passage.**

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