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**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of House Bill No. 1468**

TO REQUIRE BIRTHING FACILITIES TO PERFORM PULSE OXIMETRY SCREENINGS FOR CRITICAL  
CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE ON NEWBORNS BEFORE DISCHARGE.

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**Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1468**

Amend House Bill No. 1468 as originally introduced:

Page 3, delete lines 1 through 5 and substitute the following:

"(b) Birthing facilities shall begin pulse oximetry testing for critical congenital heart defects on all newborns before discharge from the birthing facility no more than ninety (90) days after the department complies with section (d) of this section.

(c) To facilitate pulse oximetry testing for critical congenital heart defects on all newborns in the State of Arkansas before discharge from a birthing facility, Arkansas Children's Hospital shall:

(1)(A) Provide written guidance on development of hospital policies and procedures related to pulse oximetry screening in newborns to the department and on request to an individual birthing facility; and

(2) Provide the department with an educational document that may be distributed to parents or legal guardians of newborns regarding:

(A) The need for and performance of the pulse oximetry test;

(B) Methods for conducting the screening; and

(C) Common strategies for follow-up care in infants with abnormal screening results.

(d) To facilitate pulse oximetry testing for critical congenital heart defects on all newborns in the State of Arkansas before discharge from a birthing facility, the department shall:

(1) Issue guidance for the performance of screening for critical congenital heart defects via pulse oximetry testing on newborns consistent with evidence-based guidelines;

(2) Develop an appropriate and functional system allowing for electronic submission of pulse oximetry test results by the hospital;

(3) Provide technical assistance and training to the birthing facilities on the use of the system; and

(4) Provide to a birthing facility training and on-site technical assistance upon request, in the performance of pulse oximetry testing.

(e) Testing results submitted to and compiled by the department under



this section are confidential and are not subject to examination or disclosure as public information under the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq.

(f) The department shall not require the performance of a pulse oximetry test on a newborn if the parents or a legal guardian of the newborn object to the testing on medical, religious, or philosophical grounds."

The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_

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