

## CHAPTER 82.

[Senate Bill No. 156.]

## PHENYLKETONURIA (P.K.U.) AND OTHER DISORDERS.

AN ACT relating to public health and safety; and providing for the promotion of detection and prevention of phenylketonuria and other preventable heritable disorders.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

Section 1. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the state of Washington to make every effort to detect as early as feasible and to prevent where possible phenylketonuria and other preventable heritable disorders leading to mental retardation or physical defects.

Public health.  
Public policy.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Washington state department of health to promote screening tests of all newborn infants for the detection of phenylketonuria and other heritable or metabolic disorders leading to mental retardation or physical defects when such tests are available, practical, and indicated by sound medical practice.

Tests of new  
born infants.

Sec. 3. Laboratories, attending physicians, hospital administrators, or other persons performing or requesting the performance of tests for phenylketonuria shall report to the department of health all positive tests. The state board of health by rule and regulation shall, when it deems appropriate, require that positive tests for other heritable and metabolic disorders covered by this act be reported to the state department of health by such persons or agencies requesting or performing such tests.

Reports to de-  
partment of  
health.

Sec. 4. When notified of positive screening tests, the state department of health shall offer the use of its services and facilities, designed to prevent mental retardation or physical defects in such children, to the attending physician, or the parents of the

State and local  
assistance  
available.

newborn child if no attending physician can be identified.

The services and facilities of the state department of health, and other state and local agencies cooperating with the department of health in carrying out programs of detection and prevention of mental retardation and physical defects shall be made available to the family and physician to the extent required in order to carry out the intent of this act and within the availability of funds.

Public health—  
PKU—Rules  
and regulations.

Sec. 5. The state board of health shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to carry out the intent of this act.

Annual report  
to governor  
and legislature.

Sec. 6. The department shall report annually to the governor and the legislative council on the progress and effect of such testing programs. The first such report shall be delivered by January 1, 1968.

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Passed the House March 6, 1967.

Approved by the Governor March 21, 1967.