

WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §16-22B-2

§16-22B-2. Birth score program established.

- (a) The Bureau of Public Health may establish and implement a birth score program designed to combat postneonatal mortality and to detect debilitating conditions and possible developmental delays in newborn infants in the state.
- (b) The purpose and goals of the birth score program are to reduce the incidence of postneonatal mortality and disease by:
 - (1) Identifying newborns at greatest risk for death between one month and one year of age; and
 - (2) Linking these infants with physicians for close follow-up during the first year of life.
- (c) The birth score of a newborn infant shall be determined pursuant to the program established by the division of health by trained hospital or birthing facility personnel immediately after the infant is delivered.