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Sponsor(s): Senators B. Sheldon, Fraser and Thibaudeau

Brief Description: Requiring newborn hearing screening.

**SB 5421 - DIGEST**

Directs the department of health to require a hearing screening of all newborn infants before they are discharged from the hospital. However, no screening shall be provided to any newborn infant whose parent or guardian objects upon the grounds that a hearing screening conflicts with their religious tenets and practices.

Requires audiologists, clinicians, attending physicians, or other persons performing the screening to report the results of the screening to the department of health.