
HOUSE BILL 2238

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1 AN ACT Relating to the completion of comprehensive hearing
2 assessments for infants who fail a newborn hearing screening; adding a
3 new section to chapter 70.83 RCW; and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.83 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 The department may contact the parent or guardian of an infant who
8 fails a newborn hearing screening for the purpose of assisting the
9 parent or guardian in obtaining a comprehensive hearing assessment for
10 the child. Contacts with parents and guardians under this section
11 shall be consistent with procedures established pursuant to RCW
12 70.83.040.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The legislature finds that the department of
14 health plans to undertake a survey of selected parents and guardians
15 of infants who have failed a newborn hearing screening for the purpose
16 of gathering more information about comprehensive hearing assessments
17 for these newborns. The department shall, upon completion of its

1 survey, provide a brief report to the appropriate committees of the
2 legislature regarding its findings.

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