

HOUSE BILL No. 2893

By Representative Lightner

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AN ACT regarding newborn infant hearing screening; concerning adopted children; requiring the secretary of health and environment to test; amending K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 65-1,157a and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 65-1,157a is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-1,157a. (a) This act shall be known as the newborn infant hearing screening act.

(b) Every child born in the state of Kansas, within three to five days for normal births and five to eight days for premature births following birth, unless a different time period is medically indicated, shall be given a screening examination for detection of significant hearing loss. *Every newborn child adopted in the state of Kansas whether born in Kansas or not, shall within 30 days of the completion of adoption, be given a screening examination for detection of significant hearing loss, unless a different time period is medically indicated. Every child who is adopted in the state of Kansas whether born in Kansas or not, shall as part of the adoption process, be given a screening examination for detection of significant hearing loss.* The screening shall be conducted in accordance with accepted medical practices and in the manner prescribed by the secretary of health and environment.

(c) Informed consent of parents shall be obtained and if any parent or guardian of a child objects to the mandatory examination for detection of significant hearing loss the child is exempt from subsection (b) of this section.

(d) Information obtained by the secretary of health and environment under this section shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed except to notify the primary care physician and the parents or guardian of the child of the screening results.

(e) The secretary of health and environment may make application for and receive grants or other moneys which may be available from the federal government for newborn hearing screening and may enter into cooperative agreements with the federal government relating to newborn hearing screening.

1 (f) The secretary of health and environment shall adopt such rules
2 and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this
3 section.

4 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 65-1,157a is hereby repealed.

5 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
6 publication in the statute book.

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