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Amendment to Newborn Hearing Screening Law, SB 511 to House Health & Human Services Committee

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The Kansas Department of Health and Environment supports passage of SB 511.

On February 11, the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations directed that the Newborn Hearing Screening Law K.S.A. 65-1,157a be amended to provide statutory authority for the Secretary to carry out the screening program as in the proposed newborn hearing screening rules and regulations.

Subsequently, the bill to amend the statute was introduced on the Senate side, modified as suggested by the Department, and passed.

We urge you to pass this bill and thank you for your consideration. We will be pleased to answer any questions.