

DRAFTER'S NOTE
FROM THE
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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To Adam Field:

Please review this preliminary draft to make sure it complies with your intent. Please pay particular attention to the following:

1. The drafting instructions require that a physician or nurse-midwife arrange for screening either before discharge from the hospital or within one month of birth. Since the periods overlap with "within one month of birth," or 30 days, typically being the longer time, I have eliminated the "before discharge" language. If you would rather require the screening be arranged before discharge from a hospital with some exceptions, please let me know.
2. Please review my changes to the subsections in s. 253.13 to confirm they are consistent with your intent. Please pay particular attention to s. 253.13 (4), which, as drafted, subjects the newborn hearing screening test results to the confidentiality requirements but does not require that the test results be sent to the department.
3. Section 253.13 is included in appropriations under s. 20.435 (1) (jb) and (5) (ja). The fee structure under s. 253.13 (2) allows for collection of fees for the state laboratory of hygiene. Since the newborn hearing screening presumably would not be performed by the state laboratory of hygiene, I limited the contracts and fee collection to the other types of testing. Do you want to make any changes to the fee collection or appropriations to accommodate the newborn hearing screening?

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