

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 517 (SB 451)

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Kleinpeter

Existing law establishes the "Identification of Hearing Loss in Infants Law".

New law changes the name of the law to the "Newborn Hearing Screening Law".

Existing law provides for the purpose of providing early hearing detection and intervention.

New law makes changes to the purpose of existing law.

Existing law establishes a bill of rights for children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

New law updates terminology in the bill of rights.

Existing law provides for definitions.

New law updates and adds definitions to existing law.

Existing law provides for identification of hearing loss in infants.

New law updates existing law to provide for early detection and intervention for children who are d/Deaf or hard of hearing.

Existing law creates an advisory council with a chairman and vice chairman as officers.

New law updates the membership of the council, adds seven members, and adds a secretary as an officer.

Prior law provided that members of the council serve without compensation.

New law allows members to be reimbursed for travel and other expenses in accordance with travel regulations of the division of administration. New law further provides that officers of the council can be reimbursed for necessary and other expenses.

Existing law provides for the powers, duties, and functions of the council.

New law updates the powers, duties, and functions of the council.

Prior law provided for initial rulemaking to implement the program by July 1, 2000.

New law retains rulemaking authority to maintain the program.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends the heading of Ch. 30-A of Title 46 of the La. Revised Statutes of 1950 and R.S. 46:2261, 2262, 2262.1(intro para), 2262.1(4) and (12), and 2263-2267)