
DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

Henry

HB No. 513

Abstract: Requires the Dept. of Health and Hospitals to provide information concerning velocardiofacial syndrome and 22q11.2 deletion syndrome.

Proposed law defines "department", "early intervention services", and "early intervention services provider".

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Health and Hospitals (DHH) to make available materials regarding velocardiofacial syndrome and 22q11.2 deletion syndrome to each early intervention services provider in this state.

Proposed law requires each early intervention services provider to offer the materials to parents of a child who is known by the agency to have at least two of the following conditions:

- (1) Hypotonicity.
- (2) Communication delay.
- (3) Articulation disorder.
- (4) Resonance disorder.
- (5) Nasal regurgitation during feeding as an infant with no history of a cleft palate.
- (6) Recurrent ear infections as well as diagnosis of cardiac anomaly, feeding disorder, cleft palate, or submucosal cleft palate.
- (7) Fine motor or gross motor skills delay.

Proposed law requires DHH to develop the materials using medically accurate, peer-reviewed literature.

Proposed law requires the materials to include, at a minimum, all of the following:

- (1) An explanation of velocardiofacial syndrome and 22q11.2 deletion syndrome symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment options.

- (2) Information on relevant state agency and nonprofit resources, parent support groups, and available Medicaid waiver programs.
- (3) A recommendation for follow-up with a healthcare provider for evaluation of the underlying etiology and an explanation that the existence of any of the conditions listed in proposed law will not necessarily result in a diagnosis of velocardiofacial syndrome or 22q11.2 deletion syndrome.

Proposed law authorizes DHH to adopt, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, any rules and regulations necessary to implement proposed law.

Proposed law authorizes DHH, in developing the materials required by proposed law, to utilize any available resources for the purposes of minimizing costs.

(Adds R.S. 40:1300.381-1300.382)