

## PERFORMANCE NOTE

H.B. 157

### SHORT TITLE: CHILDREN'S HEARING AID PILOT

Joint Rule 4-2-404 requires a Performance Review Note anytime the legislature significantly increases funding for:  New agency  New services or benefits  Serving a new or larger population

### DUE TO THE FISCAL ANALYST:

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### HOW WILL THE PUBLIC BENEFIT?

#### What is the purpose and the duties of the new program, agency, services, or population served?

This bill creates a two year pilot to provide hearing aids for children 0 - 3 whose families meet established financial guidelines. The Department is responsible to establish the process to identify eligible children monitor finances. The Department will also establish and provide staffing for an oversight committee.

JR4-2-404(4)(c)(i)

#### What services are provided by the funding increase?

Hearing aids and associated fitting costs.

JR4-2-404(4)(c)(ii)

#### What are the expected outcomes of the new or expanded program and how will the public benefit?

Numerous outcome studies have clearly established that the earlier a child can be fit with appropriate amplification, the greater the potential for typical speech and language development, social skills, academic achievement and future vocational skills. Early amplification and appropriate early interventions also saves significant special education expense.

JR4-2-404(4)(c)(iii)

#### How will the bill be implemented and what resources are available to achieve the expected outcomes?

The Department will establish an application process, a process to inform audiologists about the program and a tracking and monitoring system.

JR4-2-404(4)(c)(iv)

#### How will the proposed agency activities cause the expected outcomes and public benefit in 3?

The Department provides education and training for pediatric audiologists and oversees the newborn hearing screening program statewide. Through our already established connections we will be able to provide information about the program and monitor the length of time from diagnosis to fitting of amplification. Because of the high cost of hearing aids, many families are forced to delay their child's hearing aid fitting until they can secure resources.

**2. PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

What measures will managers and policymakers use to know if the new or expanded program is providing the expected outcomes and public benefits? Provide one, two, and three year goals or targets, actual results and measures if available to serve as a baseline, and outcomes.

Goal (public benefit): No. of children receiving hearing aids. No. of H/A's fit.

Measure Title:

Description:

Fiscal Year:	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY
Target or Benchmark:					
Baseline:					

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