



LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senators Bean and Richter moved the following:

1           **Senate Substitute for Amendment (389834) (with title**  
2 **amendment)**

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4           Between lines 3877 and 3878  
5 insert:

6           Section 87. Children with hearing loss or hearing  
7 impairment; parents or guardians to be provided information.-

8           (1) Any health care practitioner licensed under Part I of  
9 chapter 468, Florida Statutes, who makes the initial diagnosis  
10 of hearing loss or hearing impairment in a child shall provide,  
11 or the practitioner's designee shall provide, each parent or  
12 guardian of that child, with equal emphasis, current information  
13 about all communication modalities available to the child,



14 therapeutic interventions related to hearing loss or hearing  
15 impairment, and relevant support and educational services. Such  
16 information must equally emphasize aural and non-aural methods  
17 for managing hearing loss and hearing impairment.

18 (2) The Department of Health shall establish a  
19 clearinghouse of such information and shall make it available to  
20 the public on the Department of Health website by December 1,  
21 2013.

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23 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

24 And the title is amended as follows:

25 Delete line 361

26 and insert:

27 development; requiring any practitioner licensed under  
28 Part I of ch. 468, F.S., who makes the initial  
29 diagnosis of hearing loss or hearing impairment in a  
30 child to provide each parent or guardian of that child  
31 with certain information; requiring such information  
32 to be compiled and published by the Department of  
33 Health; providing an effective date.