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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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03/11/2014	.	
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The Committee on Health Policy (Bean) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 83 and 84

insert:

Section 3. Section 383.146, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

383.146 Children who are deaf or hard of hearing; notice of service providers.-

(1) At the time that a health care practitioner diagnoses a child as having a permanent hearing impairment, the health care practitioner shall ask the child's parent or legal guardian if



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12 he or she would like to provide a mailing address or an e-mail
13 address to receive direct correspondence from providers or
14 institutions that offer speech and language pathology services,
15 auditory-oral education, instruction with American Sign
16 Language, or other such services as approved by rule of the
17 Department of Health. A parent or legal guardian shall authorize
18 the release of the mail or e-mail address by signing a consent
19 form.

20 (2) The health care practitioner shall fax the form to
21 those providers and institutions that:

22 (a) Are licensed, approved, or listed in this state by the
23 Children's Medical Services Early Steps Program to provide
24 direct services to children who are deaf or hard of hearing; and

25 (b) Have notified the Department of Health of their
26 interest in providing direct communication to families about
27 their services.

28 (3) The Department of Health shall post a list of the
29 providers and institutions specified in subsection (2) on its
30 website and may adopt rules as necessary to implement and
31 administer this section.

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

34 And the title is amended as follows:

35 Delete line 10

36 and insert:

37 reference; creating s. 383.146, F.S.; requiring a
38 health care practitioner to provide an opportunity for
39 the parent or legal guardian of a child who is
40 diagnosed with a hearing impairment to provide contact



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41 information so that he or she may receive information
42 directly from specified service providers; requiring
43 the health care practitioner to transmit the
44 information; requiring the Department of Health to
45 post a list of certain service providers and
46 institutions; authorizing the department to adopt
47 rules; providing an effective date.