

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB2188
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Impact:	OSDH: \$10,000 - \$30,000

Research Analysis

HB 2188, as introduced, requires the State Department of Health to coordinate with the State Department of Education in providing hearing screenings to students in Pre-k, kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 7th and 11th grades. Enrolled students are exempt from the screening if they provide their school with proof of a recently-passed hearing test within 30 days of the school's start date. If a child fails a screening, their parent is required to receive a recommendation for the child to undergo a comprehensive hearing exam. The measure lists details for equipment, methodology, and training for screeners.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 2188 requires the State Department of Health (OSDH), in coordination with the State Department of Education (SDE) to provide hearing examinations to students in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 7th, and 11th grades.

To implement the provisions of HB 2188, OSDH provided the following statement.

"In order for the Department to review and determine the ability of non-licensed hearing professionals to conduct screenings, review each curriculum submitted, approve trainers, and build/maintain a registry, the Department would need to:

- Contract with a hearing specialist to provide expertise regarding parameters to approve
 - Hearing screening training curricula (per "Hearing screening provider" definition)
 - Hearing screening trainers
- Establish a process to approve training curricula and trainers
- Devote staff time for the review of curricula and trainers; follow up with applicants regarding missing requirements
- Develop and maintain a registry of hearing screening providers"

Although the actual implementation cost will vary depending on the number of curricula/trainer applicants received annually, as well as the staff resources required for their review, OSDH officials anticipate a cost ranging from Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) annually. This cost would require additional appropriation, resulting in a fiscal impact of up to \$30,000 on the state budget.

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Other Considerations

None.

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