

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 60th Legislature

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| Bill No.: | HB2188 |
| Version: | POLPCS1 |
| Request Number: | 12414 |
| Author: | Rep. Blancett |
| Date: | 2/14/2025 |
| Impact: | Please see previous summary of this measure |

Research Analysis

The proposed policy committee substitute for HB 2188 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. The SDE is required to issue an annual report detailing the number of students screened per grade, the number of students referred for additional screenings per grade, and any actions taken that helped the referred students academically.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.