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Senate Bill 794 (Substitute S-2 as reported by the Committee of the Whole)  
Sponsor: Senator Tom George  
Committee: Health Policy

**CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to create the Newborn Screening Quality Assurance Advisory Committee within the Department of Community Health (DCH), and require the Committee to report annually to the DCH on the appropriateness of the existing list of required newborn screening tests, and make recommendations regarding additions to and deletions from the list. The bill also would require health professionals to report to the DCH the results of hearing tests performed on infants under 12 months old and on children who had been diagnosed with hearing loss and were under three.

Within 30 days after the DCH received the Advisory Committee's report, it would have to approve or reject the Committee's recommendations. If the DCH did not reject the recommendations or failed to act within the 30 days, the recommendations would have to be forwarded for approval to the standing committees in the Senate and the House that considered issues pertaining to public health.

Within 45 session days after the recommendations were forwarded and received, the Legislature would have to approve or reject them without amendment by concurrent resolution adopted by both standing committees described above and both houses of the Legislature by recorded vote. If the recommendations were not rejected within 45 days, they would be considered approved, would have to be adopted by the DCH, and would take effect six months after they were adopted by both houses of the Legislature or considered approved.

Proposed MCL 333.5430 & 333.5432

Legislative Analyst: Julie Koval

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The State would likely see a small, indeterminate increase in cost through administration and staff support for the Newborn Screening Quality Assurance Advisory Committee. The State also could experience an increase in cost associated with the mandated collection and retention of certain hearing screening results identified in this bill.

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