



Substitute House Bill No. 6805

Public Act No. 15-81

AN ACT CONCERNING THE BIRTH-TO-THREE PROGRAM AND HEARING TESTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) (a) Not later than October 1, 2015, the Commissioner of Developmental Services shall require, as part of the birth-to-three program, established under section 17a-248b of the general statutes, that the parent or guardian of a child who is (1) receiving services under the birth-to-three program, and (2) exhibiting delayed speech, language or hearing development, be notified of the availability of hearing testing for such child. Such notification may include, but not be limited to, information regarding (A) the benefits of hearing testing for children, (B) the resources available to the parent or guardian for hearing testing and treatment, and (C) any financial assistance that may be available for such testing.

(b) The Commissioner of Developmental Services may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the provisions of subsection (a) of this section.

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