

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. 3199

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## AN ACT

To amend the Public Health Service Act regarding early  
detection, diagnosis, and treatment of hearing loss.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Early Hearing Detec-  
3 tion and Intervention Act of 2010”.

4 **SEC. 2. EARLY DETECTION, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT**  
5 **OF HEARING LOSS.**

6 Section 399M of the Public Health Service Act (42  
7 U.S.C. 280g–1) is amended—

8 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**IN-**  
9 **FANTS**” and inserting “**NEWBORNS AND IN-**  
10 **FANTS**”;

11 (2) in subsection (a)—

12 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),  
13 by striking “screening, evaluation and interven-  
14 tion programs and systems” and inserting  
15 “screening, evaluation, diagnosis, and interven-  
16 tion programs and systems, and to assist in the  
17 recruitment, retention, education, and training  
18 of qualified personnel and health care pro-  
19 viders,”;

20 (B) by amending paragraph (1) to read as  
21 follows:

22 “(1) To develop and monitor the efficacy of  
23 statewide programs and systems for hearing screen-  
24 ing of newborns and infants; prompt evaluation and  
25 diagnosis of children referred from screening pro-  
26 grams; and appropriate educational, audiological,

1 and medical interventions for children identified with  
2 hearing loss. Early intervention includes referral to  
3 and delivery of information and services by schools  
4 and agencies, including community, consumer, and  
5 parent-based agencies and organizations and other  
6 programs mandated by part C of the Individuals  
7 with Disabilities Education Act, which offer pro-  
8 grams specifically designed to meet the unique lan-  
9 guage and communication needs of deaf and hard of  
10 hearing newborns, infants, toddlers, and children.  
11 Programs and systems under this paragraph shall  
12 establish and foster family-to-family support mecha-  
13 nisms that are critical in the first months after a  
14 child is identified with hearing loss.”; and

15 (C) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(3) Other activities may include developing ef-  
17 ficient models to ensure that newborns and infants  
18 who are identified with a hearing loss through  
19 screening receive follow-up by a qualified health care  
20 provider, and State agencies shall be encouraged to  
21 adopt models that effectively increase the rate of oc-  
22 currence of such follow-up.”;

23 (3) in subsection (b)(1)(A), by striking “hear-  
24 ing loss screening, evaluation, and intervention pro-

1       grams” and inserting “hearing loss screening, eval-  
2       uation, diagnosis, and intervention programs”;

3               (4) in paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (e),  
4       by striking the term “hearing screening, evaluation  
5       and intervention programs” each place such term  
6       appears and inserting “hearing screening, evalua-  
7       tion, diagnosis, and intervention programs”;

8               (5) in subsection (e)—

9                       (A) in paragraph (3), by striking “ensur-  
10       ing that families of the child” and all that fol-  
11       lows and inserting “ensuring that families of  
12       the child are provided comprehensive, con-  
13       sumer-oriented information about the full range  
14       of family support, training, information serv-  
15       ices, and language and communication options  
16       and are given the opportunity to consider and  
17       obtain the full range of such appropriate serv-  
18       ices, educational and program placements, and  
19       other options for their child from highly quali-  
20       fied providers.”; and

21                       (B) in paragraph (6), by striking “, after  
22       rescreening,”; and

23               (6) in subsection (f)—

1           (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “fiscal  
2           year 2002” and inserting “fiscal years 2011  
3           through 2015”;

4           (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “fiscal  
5           year 2002” and inserting “fiscal years 2011  
6           through 2015”; and

7           (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “fiscal  
8           year 2002” and inserting “fiscal years 2011  
9           through 2015”.

Passed the Senate December 7, 2010.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

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