

**Subject** Newborn Hearing Screening Advisory Committee; expiration date  
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## Overview

This bill extends the Newborn Hearing Screening Advisory Committee to June 30, 2025, and adds two additional members to the committee.

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<p><b>Newborn Hearing Screening Advisory Committee.</b></p> <p>Amends § 144.966, subd. 2. Minnesota hospitals operate a program to test a newborn's hearing before the newborn leaves the hospital, with parental consent. The Newborn Hearing Screening Advisory Committee advises the commissioners of health and education on developing protocols for conducting hearing screenings and assessing and providing services to children who are deaf or hard-of-hearing, designing protocols for follow-up and tracking, designing a technical assistance program for facilities that conduct hearing screenings, and evaluating the newborn hearing screening program to increase its effectiveness and efficiency.</p> <p>Under current law this advisory committee expires June 30, 2019. This bill extends the advisory committee to June 30, 2025, and adds the following two members to this committee: a representative from the Deaf Mentor Program, and a representative of the State Academy for the Deaf from the Minnesota State Academies staff, who must be appointed by September 1, 2019.</p>