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Section

- 1** **Duty to perform testing.** Amends § 144.125, subd. 1. Increases the fee for newborn screening from \$106 to \$116 per specimen. Directs that \$15 of the fee amount must be deposited into the general fund for the cost of support services required for families with children who are deaf or have hearing loss. Directs the remaining fee amount to be credited to the state government special revenue fund. Makes conforming and technical changes.

Provides that this section is effective July 1, 2013.
- 2** **Support services to families.** Amends § 144.966, subd. 3a. Modifies the family support services requirement by requiring that families be given hearing loss specific parent-to-parent assistance and individualized deaf or hard of hearing mentors.
- 3** **Reimbursement for the fee increase for the early hearing detection and intervention program.** Amends § 256.969, subd. 29. Includes the fee increase in this bill in the calculation of hospital payment rates for services to public program recipients. Requires that this payment must be included in payments to managed care organizations.
- 4** **Appropriations.** Provides blank appropriations to the commissioner of health (a) for the support services to families required under Minnesota Statutes § 144.966, subd. 3a; and (b) for home-based education in American Sign Language (ASL) for families as required under Minnesota Statutes § 144.966, subd. 3a. Provides a blank appropriation to the commissioner of human services for the increased hospital reimbursement required under section 3.