BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

<u>AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 371</u>
(Third Reading File Bill - Second Printing)

<u>AMENDMENT NO. 1</u>
        On page 1, strike beginning with "<u>in</u>" in line 8 down through "Program" in line 11, and substitute "<u>subject to a certain condition</u>".

        On page 2, after line 7, insert:

        "<u>WHEREAS, A key component of effective early intervention is the Program of Hearing-Impaired Infants; and</u>";

and in line 9, strike "two" and substitute "<u>three</u>".

<u>AMENDMENT NO. 2</u>
        On page 3, in line 11, after "Hygiene" insert "<u>INCLUDING THE PROGRAM FOR HEARING-IMPAIRED INFANTS ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 13, SUBTITLE 6 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE</u>"; in line 37, strike "2005" and substitute "<u>2004</u>"; and in line 38 strike "$4,165" and substitute "<u>$4,044</u>".

<u>AMENDMENT NO. 3</u>
        On page 4, in line 1, strike "2006" and substitute "<u>2005</u>"; and after line 6, insert:

        "<u>(3)   SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004 AND EACH SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE A GRANT TO THE LOCAL LEAD AGENCY FOR THE PROGRAM IN EACH COUNTY IN AN AMOUNT AT LEAST EQUAL TO 20% OF THE PRODUCT OF:</u>

        <u>(I)   THE ANNUAL PER CHILD COST; AND</u>

          (II)   THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN THE COUNTY WHO RECEIVED SERVICES UNDER THE PROGRAM IN THE SECOND FISCAL YEAR PRECEDING THE YEAR FOR WHICH THE AMOUNT IS BEING CALCULATED.

          (4)   (I)   THE FUNDING FORMULA PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT FUNDS ARE PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE GRANTS UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

          (II)   PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT REQUIRE FUNDS FOR THE GRANTS UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

     [(g)]   (I)   The Department shall adopt regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.".

AMENDMENT NO. 4

     On pages 4 and 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 15 on page 4 through line 6 on page 5, inclusive.

     On page 5, in line 7, strike "4." and substitute "2.".