

SENATE BILL No. 62

AN ACT concerning the department of health and environment; relating to screening of diseases; concerning licensure of audiologists; rules and regulations; amending K.S.A. 65-6504 and 65-6505 and K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 65-129e and repealing the existing sections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

New Section 1. (a) A physician or other health care professional who is otherwise authorized by law to provide medical treatment to a pregnant woman shall take or cause to be taken, during the first trimester of pregnancy, a routine opt-out screening for HIV infection. When the physician or other health care professional determines certain pregnant women to be at high risk for acquiring HIV infection, such women shall be administered a repeat screening during the third trimester or at the time of labor and delivery. When a pregnant woman's HIV status is unknown for any reason at the time of labor and delivery, such woman shall be screened for HIV infection as soon as possible within medical standards. When an HIV rapid test kit is used for screening, a confirmatory sample shall be submitted for serological testing which meets the standards recognized by the United States public health service for the detection of HIV to a laboratory approved by the secretary of health and environment for such serological tests. A pregnant woman shall have the right to refuse screening under this subsection at any time. Before any screening is performed under this subsection, the pregnant woman shall be informed in writing of the provisions of this subsection and the purposes and benefits of the screening, and the pregnant woman shall sign a form provided by the department of health and environment to authorize or opt-out of the screening. The form shall contain the following wording: "I test all of my pregnant patients for HIV as part of the panel of routine tests to alert me to any conditions that can have a very serious effect on your pregnancy and your baby. You will be tested for HIV unless you tell me not to."

(b) When the mother's HIV status is unknown because of refusal to take such screening during the pregnancy or any other reasons, such mother's newborn child shall be screened with an HIV test as soon as possible within medical standards to determine if prophylaxis is needed. A mother's or a guardian's consent is not required to screen such newborn child, except that this subsection shall not apply to any newborn child whose parents object to the test as being in conflict with their religious tenets and practices. Documentation of a mother's HIV status shall be recorded in both the mother's and newborn's medical records. The mother of the child shall be informed in writing of the provisions of this subsection and of the purposes and benefits of the screening and shall sign a form stating that the mother has received the information.

(c) The secretary of health and environment is hereby authorized to adopt rules and regulations, within six months from the effective date of this section, establishing guidelines for routine HIV infection screening for pregnant women and each newborn child where the HIV status of the mother is unknown at the time of birth. These rules and regulations shall be based on the recommendations and best practices established by the United States centers for disease control and prevention and public health service task force recommendations for use of antiretroviral drugs in pregnant HIV infected women for maternal health and interventions to reduce perinatal HIV transmission in the United States.

(d) As used in this section, physician, HIV and HIV infection have the meanings defined in K.S.A. 65-6001, and amendment thereto.

(e) This section shall be effective on and after July 1, 2010.

New Sec. 2. (a) The secretary of health and environment is hereby authorized and directed to adopt rules and regulations establishing guidelines for a tuberculosis prevention and control plan for any postsecondary educational institution. The tuberculosis prevention and control plan shall be designed to reduce the risk of tuberculosis transmission and shall be based on the recommendations by the American thoracic society, the centers for disease control and prevention and the infectious diseases society of America. These rules and regulations shall be in compliance with the best practice standards as recommended by the division of tuberculosis elimination of the centers for disease control and prevention.

(b) Each postsecondary educational institution shall develop and implement a tuberculosis prevention and control plan with assistance of the department of health and environment. Each postsecondary educational institution shall designate a person who is responsible for the oversight and implementation of the plan. Such person shall maintain the records

created or collected in accordance with this section for at least five years and allow the department of health and environment to review and inspect the records upon request.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 65-129e is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-129e. (a) The secretary of health and environment is hereby authorized and directed to adopt rules and regulations establishing tuberculosis evaluation requirements for certain students entering ~~college or university~~ classrooms of a postsecondary educational institution in Kansas ~~having been born in or lived or traveled in countries identified by the centers for disease control and prevention as areas where tuberculosis is a health risk. Compliance with these rules and regulations, including all cost associated with the evaluation, shall be the joint responsibility of the educational institutions and the student or the parents or guardians of the student, where applicable~~ who are considered as high risk for tuberculosis as defined by the department of health and environment. These rules and regulations shall establish evaluation criteria in compliance with best practice standards as recommended by the division of tuberculosis elimination of the centers for disease control and prevention.

(b) *Each postsecondary educational institution shall develop and implement tuberculosis evaluation requirements with assistance of the department of health and environment. Each postsecondary educational institution shall designate a person who is responsible for the oversight and implementation of the requirements. Such person shall maintain the record for at least five years and the department of health and environment shall have the right to review and inspect the records upon request. Such person shall report immediately the positive findings of tuberculosis infection or disease to the department of health and environment.*

(c) *Each student entering classrooms of a postsecondary educational institution in Kansas shall comply with the tuberculosis evaluation requirements implemented by such institution where the student is enrolled by providing requested information in accordance with a screening and evaluation through an enrollment process. Any student who is not in compliance with the requirements shall not be attending classes or eligible to enroll for a subsequent semester or term or to obtain an official academic transcript or diploma until the student is compliant with the requirements.*

(d) *Nothing in this section and section 1, and amendments thereto, shall be construed as applying to individuals who are not attending the classes regularly but participating in the continuing education programs or any other seminar or function at the postsecondary educational institution.*

(e) *“Postsecondary educational institution” used in this section and section 1, and amendments thereto, means any public or private university, municipal university, community college or technical college.*

(f) *All costs associated with the evaluation requirements of the prevention and control plan shall be the responsibility of the student.*

~~(b)~~ (g) Any person found to be infected with tuberculosis infection or tuberculosis disease will be provided treatment and ongoing monitoring in accordance with K.S.A. 65-116a to 65-116m, inclusive, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 4. On and after July 1, 2010, K.S.A. 65-6504 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-6504. (a) On or after September 1, 1992, it shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology in the state of Kansas unless such person has been issued a valid license pursuant to this act or is specifically exempted from the provisions of this act. It shall be unlawful for any person to hold oneself out to the public as a “speech pathologist,” “speech therapist,” “speech correctionist,” “speech clinician,” “language pathologist,” “voice therapist,” “voice pathologist,” “logopedist,” “communicologist,” “aphasiologist,” “phoniatrist,” “audiologist,” “audiometrist,” “hearing therapist,” “hearing clinician,” “hearing aid audiologist,” or any variation, unless such person is licensed under this act as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist.

(b) No person licensed under this act shall be authorized to engage in the practice of dispensing and fitting hearing aids as defined under K.S.A. 74-5807 and amendments thereto unless such person is also li-

censed or holds a certificate of endorsement under the hearing aid act to engage in the practice of dispensing and fitting hearing aids.

(c) Persons licensed under this act to engage in the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology shall not be deemed to be engaged in the practice of the healing arts when practicing under and in accordance with this act.

(d) *Persons licensed under this act to engage in the practice of audiology with doctorate degrees shall use the appropriate words or letters, such as “AuD,” “PhD,” “EdD” and “ScD,” when using the letters or term “Dr.” or “Doctor” to identify themselves.*

Sec. 5. On and after July 1, 2010, K.S.A. 65-6505 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-6505. (a) Speech-language pathologists or audiologists shall meet the following qualifications for licensure under this act:

~~(a)~~ (1) *Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b), possession of at least a master’s degree or equivalent in speech-language pathology or audiology from an educational institution with standards consistent with those of the state universities of Kansas approved by the secretary pursuant to rules and regulations;*

~~(b)~~ (2) *completion of supervised clinical practicum experiences from an educational institution or its cooperating programs the content of which shall be consistent with the standards of the state universities of Kansas and delineated in the rules and regulations;*

~~(c)~~ (3) *except as otherwise provided in subsection (c), completion of a postgraduate professional experience pursuant to rules and regulations; and*

~~(d)~~ (4) *passage of an examination in speech-language pathology or audiology pursuant to rules and regulations.*

(b) *Any individual seeking licensure as an audiologist on or after January 1, 2012, shall possess at least a doctorate degree or equivalent in audiology from an educational institution with standards consistent with those of the state universities of Kansas approved by the secretary pursuant to rules and regulations. Any individual who possesses at least a master’s degree or equivalent in audiology prior to January 1, 2012, shall be deemed to have met the educational requirement of subsection (a)(1) for licensure as an audiologist.*

(c) *Any applicant who possesses an audiology clinical doctoral degree shall be exempt from the requirements in subsection (a)(3).*

Sec. 6. K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 65-129e is hereby repealed.

Sec. 7. On and after July 1, 2010, K.S.A. 65-6504 and 65-6505 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Kansas register.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the SENATE, and passed that body

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Secretary of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House.

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