

STATEMENT TO

[Second Reprint]

**SENATE, No. 2045**

with Senate Floor Amendments  
(Proposed by Senator TURNER)

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 17, 2018

These floor amendments:

- Require the working group to develop methods of evaluation to annually collect and publicly report data on language acquisition and developmental progress of children from birth to age five who are deaf or hard of hearing. The Department of Education and the Early Intervention Program in the Department of Health will implement these methods in their annual collection and reporting of this data; and
- Require the Department of Education to develop guidance regarding early intervention assessments to assess the language and literacy development of deaf and hard of hearing children. The bill as introduced required the department to select one or more assessments to be used by educators to assess the language and literacy development of these children and, in addition, provide materials and training on the use of these assessments to school districts.