

By Senator Cowin

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to school-entry health
3 requirements; amending s. 232.0315, F.S.;
4 requiring a school-entry vision examination;
5 providing an effective date.

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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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9 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 232.0315, Florida
10 Statutes, is amended to read:

11 232.0315 School-entry health examinations.--

12 (1) The school board of each district and the
13 governing authority of each nonpublic school shall require
14 that each child who is entitled to admittance to
15 prekindergarten or kindergarten, or is entitled to any other
16 initial entrance into a public or nonpublic school in this
17 state, present a certification of a school-entry health
18 examination and a certification of a school-entry vision
19 examination and analysis performed within 1 year prior to
20 enrollment in school. The school board of each district, and
21 the governing authority of each nonpublic school, may
22 establish a policy which permits a student up to 30 school
23 days to present ~~a~~ certification of the examinations ~~a~~
24 ~~school-entry health examination~~. Any school board which
25 establishes such a policy shall include provisions in its
26 local school health services plan to assist students in
27 obtaining the ~~health~~ examinations. However, any child shall
28 be exempt from the examinations requirement ~~of a health~~
29 ~~examination~~ upon written request of the parent or guardian of
30 such child stating objections to such examination on religious
31 grounds.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

SENATE SUMMARY

Requires children entering public or nonpublic schools in this state to present evidence of having received a vision examination.