

By the Committee on Education and Senators Cowin, Thomas, Bronson, Dudley, Clary and Grant

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to school-entry health requirements; amending s. 232.0315, F.S.; requiring a school-entry comprehensive vision examination; providing an effective date.

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

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

232.0315 School-entry health examinations.--

(1) The school board of each district and the governing authority of each nonpublic school shall require that each child who is entitled to admittance to prekindergarten or kindergarten, or is entitled to any other initial entrance into a public or nonpublic school in this state, present a certification of a school-entry health examination and a certification of a school-entry comprehensive vision examination and analysis performed within 1 year prior to enrollment in school. The school board of each district, and the governing authority of each nonpublic school, may establish a policy which permits a student up to 30 school days to present a certification of a school-entry health examination and up to 120 school days to present a certification of a school-entry comprehensive vision examination and analysis. Any school board which establishes such a policy shall include provisions in its local school health services plan to assist students in obtaining the ~~health~~ examinations. However, any child shall be exempt from the examinations requirement ~~of a health examination~~ upon

1 written request of the parent or guardian of such child  
2 stating objections to such examination on religious grounds.

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

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5 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
6 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
7 sb1550

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8 The Committee Substitute specifies that the vision exam  
9 required for school entry must be a comprehensive exam and  
10 gives students up to 120 school days to present certification  
11 of the exam.

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