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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to school-entry health and
 3 vision examinations; amending s. 232.0315,
 4 F.S.; requiring children who enter public or
 5 nonpublic schools in this state to present
 6 evidence of having received a comprehensive
 7 vision examination; providing an exemption;
 8 deleting provisions relating to rulemaking
 9 authority with respect to medical examinations;
 10 providing an effective date.
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 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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 14 Section 1. Section 232.0315, Florida Statutes, is
 15 amended to read:
 16 232.0315 School-entry health examinations.--
 17 ~~(1)~~ The school board of each district and the
 18 governing authority of each nonpublic school shall require
 19 that each child who is entitled to admittance to
 20 prekindergarten or kindergarten, or is entitled to any other
 21 initial entrance into a public or nonpublic school in this
 22 state, present a certification of a school-entry health
 23 examination and a certification of a school-entry
 24 comprehensive vision examination and analysis performed within
 25 1 year prior to enrollment in school. The school board of
 26 each district, and the governing authority of each nonpublic
 27 school, may establish a policy which permits a student up to
 28 30 school days to present a certification of a school-entry
 29 health examination and up to 120 days to present a
 30 certification of a school-entry comprehensive vision
 31 examination and analysis. Any school board that ~~which~~

1 establishes such a policy shall include provisions in its
2 local school health services plan to assist students in
3 obtaining the health and vision examinations. However, any
4 child shall be exempt from the examinations requirement ~~of a~~
5 ~~health examination~~ upon written request of the parent or
6 guardian of such child stating objections to such examination
7 on religious grounds.

8 ~~(2) The Department of Education, subject to the~~
9 ~~concurrence of the Department of Health and Rehabilitative~~
10 ~~Services, shall adopt rules to govern medical examinations~~
11 ~~performed under this section.~~

12 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

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15 SENATE SUMMARY

16 Requires children who are entering public or nonpublic
17 schools in this state to present evidence of having
18 received a comprehensive vision examination. Provides an
19 exemption if the child's parent or guardian objects in
20 writing on religious grounds. Deletes provisions relating
21 to rulemaking authority with respect to medical
22 examinations.
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