

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 passed a vision screening or  
7           having received a comprehensive vision  
8           examination; providing an exemption; deleting  
9           provisions relating to rulemaking authority  
10          with respect to medical examinations; providing  
11          an effective date.

12  
13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

14  
15           Section 1. Section 232.0315, Florida Statutes, is  
16 amended to read:

17           232.0315 School-entry health examinations.--  
18           ~~(1)~~ The school board of each district and the  
19 governing authority of each nonpublic school shall require  
20 that each child who is entitled to admittance to  
21 prekindergarten or kindergarten, or is entitled to any other  
22 initial entrance into a public or nonpublic school in this  
23 state, present a certification of a school-entry health  
24 examination and a certification of having passed a  
25 school-entry vision screening or of having taken a  
26 comprehensive vision examination and analysis after failing a  
27 vision screening. The required health examination and vision  
28 test must have been performed within 1 year prior to  
29 enrollment in school. The school board of each district, and  
30 the governing authority of each nonpublic school, may  
31 establish a policy which permits a student up to 30 school

1 days to present a certification of a school-entry health  
2 examination and up to 120 days to present a certification of a  
3 school-entry vision screening and, if required, a  
4 certification of a comprehensive vision examination and  
5 analysis. Any school board that ~~which~~ establishes such a  
6 policy shall include provisions in its local school health  
7 services plan to assist students in obtaining the health and  
8 vision examinations. However, any child shall be exempt from  
9 the examinations requirement ~~of a health examination~~ upon  
10 written request of the parent or guardian of such child  
11 stating objections to such examination on religious grounds.

12 (2) The Department of Education, subject to the  
13 concurrence of the Department of Health ~~Department of Health~~  
14 ~~and Rehabilitative Services~~, shall adopt rules to govern  
15 medical examinations performed under this section.

16 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30  
31