

By Senator Grimsley

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing August 2015 as "Amblyopia Awareness Month" in Florida.

WHEREAS, amblyopia is a cause of permanent vision loss if not identified and treated early in life, and

WHEREAS, the detection of amblyopia in early childhood increases the chances of successful treatment, especially if the disorder is detected before a child reaches 5 years of age, and

WHEREAS, many forms of amblyopia are difficult to detect and can be identified only through proper screening techniques, and

WHEREAS, the earlier children are identified as having amblyopia, the sooner treatment can commence, and

WHEREAS, fewer than 20 percent of preschool children are currently being screened for vision problems, despite the fact that such screening is a covered service by many health insurance plans and health maintenance organizations, and

WHEREAS, parents should be encouraged to have their children screened for vision problems prior to admission to preschool, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Society of Ophthalmology and a number of statewide associations, charitable organizations, state agencies, and local public health departments believe that it is of paramount importance to promote statewide preschool vision screening, with the goal of testing all children between 3 and 5 years of age, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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That August 2015 is recognized as "Amblyopia Awareness
Month" in Florida.