

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 examination; deleting provisions relating to
8 rulemaking authority with respect to medical
9 examinations; providing an effective date.

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

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

15 232.0315 School-entry health examinations.--

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

1 examinations requirement ~~of a health examination~~ upon written
2 request of the parent or guardian of such child stating
3 objections to such examination on religious grounds.

4 (2) The Department of Education, subject to the
5 concurrence of the Department of Health ~~Department of Health~~
6 ~~and Rehabilitative Services~~, shall adopt rules to govern
7 medical examinations performed under this section.

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

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