

3 Senate Bill No. 1795

4 As Amended

5 SENATE BILL NO. 1795 - By: PADDACK, EASLEY and GUMM of the Senate
6 and MILLER (Doug) of the House.

7 [schools - vision screening - eye examination -
8 codification - effective date]

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

10 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
11 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.284 of Title 70, unless
12 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

13 A. 1. Beginning in the 2007-08 school year, the parent or
14 guardian of each student enrolled in kindergarten at a public school
15 in this state shall provide within thirty (30) days of the beginning
16 of the school year certification to school personnel that the
17 student passed a vision screening within the previous twelve (12)
18 months. Such screening shall be conducted by personnel approved by
19 the State Department of Health.

20 2. Beginning in the 2007-08 school year, the parent or guardian
21 of each student enrolled in first or third grade at a public school
22 in this state shall provide within thirty (30) days of the beginning
23 of the school year certification to school personnel that the
24 student passed a vision screening within the previous six (6)

1 months. Such screening shall be conducted by personnel approved by
2 the State Department of Health.

3 B. The State Department of Health shall adopt rules to
4 establish vision screening standards pursuant to this section.

5 **C. 1. The parent or guardian of each student who fails the**
6 **vision screening required in subsection A of this section shall**
7 **receive a recommendation to undergo a comprehensive eye examination**
8 **performed by an ophthalmologist or optometrist.**

9 2. The examiner shall forward a written report of the results
10 of the comprehensive eye examination to the student's school, parent
11 or guardian, and primary health care provider designated by the
12 parent or guardian. The report shall include, but not be limited
13 to:

- 14 a. date of report,
- 15 b. name, address and date of birth of the student,
- 16 c. name of the student's school,
- 17 d. type of examination,
- 18 e. a summary of significant findings, including
19 diagnoses, medication used, duration of action of
20 medication, treatment, prognosis, whether or not a
21 return visit is recommended and, if so when,
- 22 f. recommended educational adjustments for the child, if
23 any, which may include: preferential seating in the

1 classroom, eyeglasses for full-time use in school,
2 eyeglasses for part-time use in school, sight-saving
3 eyeglasses, and any other recommendations, and

4 g. name, address and signature of the examiner;

5 D. No student shall be prohibited from attending school for a
6 parent's or guardian's failure to furnish a report of the student's
7 vision screening or an examiner's failure to furnish the results of
8 a student's comprehensive **eye** examination required by this section.

9 E. School districts shall notify parents or guardians of
10 students who enroll in kindergarten, first, or third grade for the
11 2007-08 school year and each year thereafter of the requirements of
12 this section.

13 F. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules for the
14 implementation of this section except as provided in subsection B.
15 The State Department of Education shall issue a report annually on
16 the impact and effectiveness of this section.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2006.

18 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 2-13-06 - DO
19 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.