

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 1117

By: Rousselot of the House
and
Garrison of the Senate

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8 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011,
9 Section 1210.284, which relates to vision screening
10 of students; adding public school nurse to vision
11 screening advisory committee; and providing an
12 effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 1210.284, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 1210.284 A. 1. The parent or guardian of each student
17 enrolled in kindergarten at a public school in this state shall
18 provide certification to school personnel that the student passed a
19 vision screening within the previous twelve (12) months or during
20 the school year. Such screening shall be conducted by personnel
21 listed on the statewide registry as maintained by the State
22 Department of Health.

23 2. The parent or guardian of each student enrolled in first or
24 third grade at a public school in this state shall provide within

1 thirty (30) days of the beginning of the school year certification
2 to school personnel that the student passed a vision screening
3 within the previous twelve (12) months. Such screening shall be
4 conducted by personnel listed on the statewide registry as
5 maintained by the State Department of Health.

6 3. The parent or guardian of each student who receives a vision
7 screening as required by this section shall receive notification
8 that a vision screening is not the equivalent of a comprehensive eye
9 exam.

10 B. 1. The State Department of Health shall form an advisory
11 committee comprised of:

- 12 a. one licensed Oklahoma optometrist,
- 13 b. one licensed Oklahoma ophthalmologist,
- 14 c. the State Commissioner of Health, or designee,
- 15 d. the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, or
16 designee, ~~and~~
- 17 e. one representative of a statewide organization for the
18 prevention of blindness, and
- 19 f. one public school nurse.

20 2. The advisory committee shall make recommendations to the
21 State Board of Health on:

- 22 a. standards for vision screening and referral,
- 23 b. qualifications for initial recognition and renewal of
24 recognition of vision screeners,

- c. qualifications for initial recognition and renewal of recognition of vision screener trainers,
- d. qualifications for initial recognition and renewal of recognition of trainers of vision screener trainers, and
- e. grounds for denial, refusal, suspension or revocation of recognition of vision screeners, vision screener trainers and trainers of vision screener trainers.

3. The advisory committee shall provide to the Department a list of:

- a. qualified vision screeners,
- b. qualified vision screener trainers, and
- c. qualified trainers of vision screener trainers which are recognized by another state or national entity involved with vision screening with substantially similar published standards and qualifications.

4. The Department shall:

- a. establish and thereafter maintain a statewide registry, available via the Internet, which shall contain a list of approved vision screeners,
- b. maintain a list of approved vision screener trainers and trainers of vision screener trainers, and
- c. maintain the standards for vision screening and referral.

1 5. After notice and hearing, the Department may deny, refuse,
2 suspend or revoke approval to an applicant which has a history of:

- 3 a. noncompliance or incomplete or partial compliance with
4 the provisions of this section or the rules adopted by
5 the Board to implement the provisions of this section,
- 6 b. referring persons to a business in which the applicant
7 has a financial interest or a business which is owned
8 or operated by someone within the third degree of
9 consanguinity or affinity of the applicant, or
- 10 c. conduct which demonstrates that the applicant is
11 providing services in a manner which does not warrant
12 public trust.

13 6. The advisory committee may make recommendations to the Board
14 for establishing a requirement for background checks and provide a
15 listing of offenses that disqualify a vision screener, vision
16 screener trainer or trainer of vision screener trainers for
17 recognition pursuant to this section.

18 7. The advisory committee may also serve as a sports eye-safety
19 resource for Oklahoma K-12 public school districts and nonprofit
20 community sports organizations by developing and providing
21 educational materials to the school districts and organizations
22 which detail the risk of eye injuries associated with different
23 types of sports and the availability of protective eyewear that
24 reduces the risk of eye injuries due to sports.

1 8. The Board shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions
2 of this section.

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

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

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

1 g. name, address and signature of the examiner~~r~~.

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

6 E. School districts shall notify parents or guardians of
7 students who enroll in kindergarten, first, or third grade for the
8 2007-08 school year and each year thereafter of the requirements of
9 this section.

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

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.

15 Passed the House of Representatives the 11th day of February,
16 2013.

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19 Presiding Officer of the House
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20 Passed the Senate the _____ day of _____, 2013.

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