

1 2. The parent or guardian of each student enrolled in first or
2 third grade at a public school in this state shall provide within
3 thirty (30) days of the beginning of the school year certification
4 to school personnel that the student passed a vision screening
5 within the previous twelve (12) months. Such screening shall be
6 conducted by personnel listed on the statewide registry as
7 maintained by the State Department of Health; provided, Oklahoma
8 licensed optometrists and ophthalmologists shall be exempt from such
9 standards.

10 3. The parent or guardian of each student who receives a vision
11 screening as required by this section shall receive notification
12 that a vision screening is not the equivalent of a comprehensive eye
13 exam.

14 B. 1. The Infant and Children's Health Advisory Council
15 created in Section ~~44 of this act~~ 1-103a.1 of Title 63 of the
16 Oklahoma Statutes shall make recommendations to the State Board of
17 Health on:

- 18 a. standards for vision screening and referral; provided,
19 Oklahoma licensed optometrists and ophthalmologists
20 shall be exempt from such standards,
- 21 b. qualifications for initial recognition and renewal of
22 recognition of vision screeners,
- 23 c. qualifications for initial recognition and renewal of
24 recognition of vision screener trainers,

- 1 d. qualifications for initial recognition and renewal of
2 recognition of trainers of vision screener trainers;
3 provided, Oklahoma licensed optometrists and
4 ophthalmologists shall be exempt from any training
5 requirements, and
6 e. grounds for denial, refusal, suspension or revocation
7 of recognition of vision screeners, vision screener
8 trainers and trainers of vision screener trainers.

9 2. The Department shall:

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

17 3. After notice and hearing, the Department may deny, refuse,
18 suspend or revoke approval to an applicant ~~which~~ who has a history
19 of:

- 20 a. noncompliance or incomplete or partial compliance with
21 the provisions of this section or the rules adopted by
22 the Board to implement the provisions of this section,
23 b. referring persons to a business in which the applicant
24 has a financial interest or a business which is owned

1 or operated by someone within the third degree of
2 consanguinity or affinity of the applicant, or

3 c. conduct which demonstrates that the applicant is
4 providing services in a manner which does not warrant
5 public trust.

6 4. The Board, giving consideration to the recommendations of
7 the ~~Infant and Children's Health Advisory Council created in Section~~
8 ~~44 of this act~~, shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions
9 of this section.

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

14 2. The ophthalmologist or optometrist shall forward a written
15 report of the results of the comprehensive eye examination to the
16 student's school, parent or guardian, and primary health care
17 provider designated by the parent or guardian. The report shall
18 include, but not be limited to:

- 19 a. date of report,
20 b. name, address and date of birth of the student,
21 c. name of the student's school,
22 d. type of examination,
23 e. a summary of significant findings, including
24 diagnoses, medication used, duration of action of

1 medication, treatment, prognosis, whether or not a
2 return visit is recommended and, if so when,

3 f. recommended educational adjustments for the child, if
4 any, which may include: preferential seating in the
5 classroom, eyeglasses for full-time use in school,
6 eyeglasses for part-time use in school, sight-saving
7 eyeglasses, and any other recommendations, and

8 g. name, address and signature of the examiner.

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

13 E. School districts shall notify parents or guardians of
14 students who enroll in kindergarten, first, or third grade for the
15 2007-08 school year and each year thereafter of the requirements of
16 this section.

17 F. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules for the
18 implementation of this section except as provided in subsection B of
19 this section. The State Department of Education shall issue a
20 report annually on the impact and effectiveness of this section.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 02/17/2022
24 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.