

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3016

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to schools; creating the Binocular Vision Screening Program to identify certain eye disorders of students in kindergarten, first, or third grades; directing State Department of Education to administer program in consultation with the State Department of Health; defining term; requiring schools to provide comprehensive binocular vision screenings to students; requiring screenings to be conducted by trained personnel; clarifying the binocular screenings are in addition to others required; creating the Binocular Screening Revolving Fund; designating a department to administer fund; specifying source of funds and expenditures from fund; providing procedures for payment of expenditures; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.286 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The State Department of Education, in consultation with the State Department of Health, shall establish a two-year pilot program known as the Binocular Vision Screening Program, for schools to

1 offer vision screenings to students in kindergarten, first, and
2 third grades that are designed to identify convergence insufficiency
3 disorders. "Convergence insufficiency" means a vision disorder
4 characterized by a decreased ability to converge the eyes and
5 maintain binocular fusion while focusing on a near target.

6 B. Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, the program shall
7 require schools to provide all students in kindergarten, first, and
8 third grades with a comprehensive binocular vision screening within
9 thirty (30) days of the start of the school year.

10 C. The screening required in subsection B of this section shall
11 be performed by school nurses, vision therapists, or optometric
12 technicians who are specifically trained to administer and interpret
13 results of a comprehensive binocular screening.

14 D. The screenings required by this section shall be in addition
15 to the screenings required in Section 5-148.2 of Title 70 of the
16 Oklahoma Statutes.

17 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.287 of Title 70, unless
19 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving
21 fund for the State Department of Education to be designated the
22 "Binocular Screening Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a
23 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall
24 consist of all monies received by the State Department of Education

1 from monies appropriated or apportioned by the Legislature. All
2 monies accruing to the credit of said fund are hereby appropriated
3 and may be budgeted and expended by the State Department of
4 Education for the purpose of establishing and maintaining the
5 program created in Section 1 of this act. Monies in the Binocular
6 Screening Revolving Fund shall supplement and not supplant existing
7 school vision screening funding.

8 B. Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon warrants
9 issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by
10 law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise
11 Services for approval and payment.

12 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

13 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
14 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
15 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
16 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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