

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 206

BY SENATOR MILLER

HEALTH SERVICES. Provides for blood pressure testing in schools. (8/1/26)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:2112(A) and 3996(A)(10), relative to blood pressure testing in schools; to require blood pressure testing in accordance with the American Academy of Pediatrics schedule; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:2112(A) and 3996(A)(10) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2112. Testing pupils' sight, ~~and hearing,~~ **and blood pressure**; notice to parent or tutor; report to state superintendent

A.(1) Except as otherwise provided in Subsection C of this Section, every city, parish, and other local public school board, during the first semester of the school year or within thirty days after the admission of any pupils entering the school late in the session, shall test the sight, including color screening for all first grade students, ~~and hearing,~~ **and blood pressure** of each and all pupils under their charge, except those pupils whose parent or tutor objects to such examination, as provided for in R.S. 17:156. Such testing shall be completed in accordance with the schedule

1 established by the American Academy of Pediatrics. The State Board of Elementary  
2 and Secondary Education may convert the age equivalent as provided by the  
3 American Academy of Pediatrics schedule to the academic year equivalent which  
4 corresponds to that age.

5 ~~(3)~~**(2)** The school board shall keep a record of such examination, shall be  
6 required to follow up on the deficiencies within sixty days, and shall notify in writing  
7 the parent or tutor of every pupil found to have any defect of sight or hearing or  
8 **abnormal blood pressure.**

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10 §3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements

11 A. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and  
12 except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a  
13 charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this  
14 Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be  
15 exempt from all rules and regulations of the state board and those of any local school  
16 board that are applicable to public schools and to public school officers and  
17 employees except for the following rules and regulations otherwise applicable to  
18 public schools regarding:

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20 (10) Hearing, ~~and vision,~~ **and blood pressure** screenings.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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Present law requires every public school board to test the sight and hearing of each pupil during the first semester of the school year or within 30 days after the admission of any pupils entering the school late in the session, unless the parent or tutor of the pupil objects.

Present law requires the testing to be completed in accordance with the schedule established by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Proposed law requires blood pressure testing to be performed with the vision and hearing tests.

Present law requires each school board to keep a record of the examinations, to follow up on deficiencies within 60 days, and notify in writing the parent or tutor of every pupil found to have any defect of sight or hearing.

Proposed law extends those requirements to blood pressure testing and requires the parent or tutor of every pupil with abnormal blood pressure to be notified.

Present law requires charter schools to comply with the public school requirements for hearing and vision screenings.

Proposed law requires charter schools to comply with the blood pressure testing requirements provided for in proposed law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 17:2112(A) and 3996(A)(10))