

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 302

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

HEALTH/CHILDREN: Requires a child wellness evaluation for each student entering kindergarten or sixth grade

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:173, relative to child wellness evaluations; to require child wellness
3 evaluations prior to entry into kindergarten and sixth grade; to establish standards for
4 the evaluations; to require chief administrators to check for compliance; to provide
5 for an exception; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:173 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §173. Wellness evaluation of persons entering kindergarten; wellness evaluation of
9 persons entering sixth grade; standards; duty of chief administrators;
10 exception

11 A.(1) Each person entering any kindergarten within the state shall present
12 satisfactory evidence of a comprehensive wellness evaluation which meets the
13 requirements of Subsection B of this Section.

14 (2) Each person entering the sixth grade in any school within the state shall
15 present satisfactory evidence of a comprehensive wellness evaluation which meets
16 the requirements of Subsection B of this Section.

17 B. The wellness evaluation required by Subsection A of this Section shall
18 meet all of the following requirements:

19 (1) Be conducted by a person licensed or certified by this state to provide
20 healthcare services as a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner.

- 1 . (2) Be completed in accordance with the health guidelines for preventive
2 care screenings and well-child visits established by the American Academy of
3 Pediatrics.
- 4 (3) Be performed within the twelve months prior to the time of entry.
- 5 D. Chief administrators of all elementary and secondary schools and
6 kindergartens, whether public or private, within this state shall be responsible for
7 checking students' records to see that the provisions of this Section are enforced.
- 8 E. No person shall be required to comply with the provisions of this Section
9 if a written dissent from the student's parent or guardian is presented.
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires a child wellness evaluation for each student entering kindergarten or sixth grade.

Proposed law requires each person entering any kindergarten within the state to present satisfactory evidence of a comprehensive wellness evaluation performed within the 12 months prior to the time of entry.

Proposed law requires each person entering the sixth grade in any school within the state to present satisfactory evidence of a comprehensive wellness evaluation performed within the 12 months prior to the time of entry.

Proposed law further requires the wellness evaluation to be conducted by a person licensed or certified by this state to provide healthcare services as a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner in accordance with the health guidelines for preventive care screenings and well-child visits established by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Proposed law requires chief administrators of all elementary and secondary schools and kindergartens, whether public or private, within this state to be responsible for checking students' records to see that the provisions of proposed law are enforced.

Proposed law provides an exception for when a written dissent from the student's parent or guardian is presented.

(Adds R.S. 17:173)