
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

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Substitute for Original House Bill No. 302 by Representative Leger as proposed by the House Committee on Education

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To enact R.S. 17:173 and 3996(B)(4), relative to student health evaluations; to require public school students entering kindergarten and grade six to provide documentation of a wellness evaluation; to provide requirements for such evaluations; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:173 and 3996(B)(4) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§173. Wellness evaluations; documentation required for certain public school students; exceptions

A. Except as provided in Subsection C of this Section, each student entering kindergarten or grade six in any public school shall provide satisfactory evidence of completion of a wellness evaluation. The wellness evaluation shall:

(1) Be conducted by a person licensed or certified in Louisiana to provide healthcare services as a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner.

(2) Be completed in accordance with the health guidelines for preventative care screenings and well-child visits established by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

(3) Be completed within twelve months prior to entering kindergarten or grade six, as applicable.

B. The principal of the public school shall be responsible for verifying receipt of the documentation required by Subsection A of this Section.

C. A student shall not be required to comply with the provisions of Subsection A of this Section if the student or his parent or legal guardian submits a written dissent to the principal.

§3996. Charter schools; exemptions; requirements

B. Notwithstanding any state law, rule, or regulation to the contrary and except as may be otherwise specifically provided for in an approved charter, a charter school established and operated in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter and its approved charter and the school's officers and employees shall be exempt from all statutory mandates or other statutory requirements that are applicable to public schools and to public school officers and employees except for the following laws otherwise applicable to public schools with the same grades:

(4) Wellness evaluations, R.S. 17:173.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires public school students entering kindergarten and grade six to provide documentation of a wellness evaluation. Provides for exceptions.

Proposed law requires each student entering kindergarten or grade six in any public school, including charter schools, to provide satisfactory evidence of a wellness evaluation that meets the following requirements:

- (1) Is conducted by a person licensed or certified in La. to provide healthcare services as a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner.
- (2) Is completed in accordance with the health guidelines for preventative care screenings and well-child visits established by the American Academy of Pediatrics.
- (3) Is completed within 12 months prior to school entry.

Requires the principal of the public school to verify receipt of the evidence of completion of the wellness evaluation. Provides that a student is not required to submit such evidence if he or his parent or legal guardian submits a written dissent. Further provides that proposed law shall not be construed to require that a student or his parent or legal guardian provide any medical record or other information to the school other than the documentation required by proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 17:173 and 3996(B)(4))