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

<u>Proposed law</u> 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 or implemented 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))