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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STUDENT HEALTH.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1 SECTION 1. Section 302A-1159, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§302A-1159 Physical examination required.** (a) No child  
4 shall be admitted to any school for the first time in the State  
5 unless the child presents to the appropriate school official a  
6 report from a licensed physician or advanced practice registered  
7 nurse of the results of a physical examination performed within  
8 a year of the date of entry into school. There shall also be a  
9 vision evaluation by an ophthalmologist, physician, optometrist,  
10 physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse  
11 within six months prior to the entrance of a child into the  
12 beginner grade or, in the case of a transfer from another state,  
13 to any other grade of a school within the State, which consists  
14 of testing for amblyopia, strabismus, and internal and external  
15 eye health, with testing sufficient to determine visual acuity;  
16 provided that no visual evaluation shall be required of any  
17 child whose parent or guardian objects in writing. The cost of  
18 the vision evaluation shall be borne by the parent or guardian



1 of each child who is examined. A child may enter school  
 2 provisionally upon submitting written documentation from a  
 3 licensed physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or other  
 4 authorized representative of the department of health, stating  
 5 that the child is in the process of undergoing a physical  
 6 examination. Further documentation showing that the required  
 7 physical examination has been completed shall be submitted to  
 8 the appropriate school official no later than three months after  
 9 the child first entered the school.

10 (b) At the time the parent or guardian of any child is  
 11 notified that the child is required to have a vision evaluation  
 12 pursuant to subsection (a), the parent or guardian shall also be  
 13 notified in writing of the right to submit a written statement  
 14 refusing a vision evaluation for the child."

15 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Vision Evaluation at School Entry

**Description:**

Requires each student to have a vision evaluation done by an ophthalmologist, physician, optometrist, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse\_6 months before entering the beginning grade of any school in the State, at parents' cost. Gives parents right to refuse examination.

