
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that school physical
2 examinations are currently only conducted upon entry into the
3 public school system, usually in kindergarten. The expansion of
4 physical examination requirements for public school students
5 will help reinforce a culture of wellness and preventative
6 health care in the State. Furthermore, for children and
7 adolescents who are obese, an additional physical examination
8 visit provides an opportunity for the health care provider to
9 assess the possible causes of obesity and develop a plan to
10 support family-based lifestyle changes.

11 The purpose of this Act is to require the provision of
12 written documentation of a physical examination performed within
13 twelve months prior to attending seventh grade at a public
14 school.

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



1 "**§302A-1159 Physical examination required.** (a) No child
2 shall attend any school for the first time in the State unless
3 the child presents to the appropriate school official a report
4 from a licensed physician, physician assistant, or advanced
5 practice registered nurse of the results of a physical
6 examination performed within [~~a year of~~] twelve months before
7 the date of attendance at school. A child may attend school
8 provisionally upon submitting written documentation from a
9 licensed physician, physician assistant, advanced practice
10 registered nurse, or other authorized representative of the
11 department of health stating that the child is in the process of
12 undergoing a physical examination. Further documentation
13 showing that the required physical examination has been
14 completed shall be submitted to the appropriate school official
15 no later than three months after the child first attends the
16 school.

17 (b) Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, every child
18 entering seventh grade shall present to the appropriate school
19 official written documentation from a licensed physician,
20 physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse
21 showing completion of a physical examination performed within



1 twelve months before the date of attendance. The department
2 shall send notification of the physical examination requirement
3 to the child's parents or guardians, upon the child's entrance
4 into sixth grade, and post the requirement on the department's
5 website. By December 31 of each year, the department shall
6 electronically provide to the department of health a list of
7 students attending seventh grade who have not submitted
8 appropriate written documentation, along with directory
9 information as allowed under the federal Family Educational
10 Rights and Privacy Act.

11 (c) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise
12 requires:

13 "Physical examination" means a well-child visit, provided
14 by a licensed physician, physician assistant, or advanced
15 practice registered nurse to assess a child's physical,
16 behavioral, developmental, and emotional status. A physical
17 examination shall include, but not be limited to the following
18 areas: medical history; measurement including height, weight,
19 and blood pressure; vision and hearing screening; developmental,
20 behavioral, and emotional assessment; physical examination;
21 immunizations; anticipatory guidance in areas such as injury



1 prevention and nutrition counseling; dental; and other referrals
2 as needed. A physical examination for athletes cannot be used
3 to meet the seventh grade physical examination requirement."

4 SECTION 3. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately
6 designated and to read as follows:

7 "§321- Department of education student physical
8 examination follow-up assistance and consultations. (a) No
9 later than the end of the seventh grade school year, the
10 department of health shall contact the parents or guardians of
11 students listed pursuant to section 302A-1159(b) and provide
12 information to assist those persons in obtaining a physical
13 examination for the student pursuant to section 302A-1159(b).

14 (b) Subject to the availability of funds, the department
15 of health shall also provide follow-up notice to or
16 consultations with the parents or guardians of the students
17 contacted pursuant to subsection (a) on the benefits of a
18 healthy lifestyle and preventative health care and the
19 availability of health care coverage under the federal Patient
20 Protection and Affordable Care Act or medicaid."



1 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the
4 Department of Health to assist students who are attending
5 seventh grade and have not provided documentation of a physical
6 examination in obtaining a required physical examination and in
7 receiving the follow-up notices or consultations as provided by
8 this Act.

9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
10 health for the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2112.



Report Title:

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Description:

Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, requires a child to provide written documentation of a physical examination performed within twelve months prior to attending seventh grade at a public school. Requires DOH to provide information to assist students who do not complete the physical exam before December 31 of the seventh grade year and also requires DOH to provide consultations with those students' parents and guardians about health lifestyles and obtaining health insurance. Appropriates funds. (SB2387 HD1)

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