

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2007-164

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A Bill

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SENATE BILL

By: Senators Broadway, Steele
By: Representative Anderson

Filed with: Senate Education Committee
pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR AN INTERIM STUDY OF THE VIABILITY OF REQUIRING ANNUAL HEALTH SCREENS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS UPON SCHOOL REGISTRATION; TO DETERMINE THE BEST MECHANISM TO INSURE THAT ALL STUDENTS ARE SCREENED AND RESULTS ARE REPORTED TO PARENTS WITH MINIMAL INTERRUPTION OF THE SCHOOL DAY AND MINIMAL BURDEN ON SCHOOL RESOURCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR AN INTERIM STUDY CONCERNING HEALTH SCREENS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. The Child Health Advisory Committee, in conjunction with the organizations listed below, shall conduct an interim study concerning health screens of public school students at public schools.

(a) The study shall include:

(1) The viability of requiring annual health screens when a public school student registers for school; and

(2) A determination of the best mechanism for ensuring that:

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- 1 (A) All public school students are screened;
- 2 (B) The results are reported to parents; and
- 3 (C) The screenings are conducted with minimal interruption
- 4 of the school day and minimal burden on school resources.

5 (b) The Child Health Advisory Committee shall convene an initial

6 meeting and ensure that the organizations listed below are represented:

- 7 (1) Arkansas Academy of Family Physicians;
- 8 (2) Arkansas Academy of Pediatrics;
- 9 (3) Arkansas Advocates for Children & Families;
- 10 (4) Arkansas Association for Health, Physical Education,
- 11 Recreation and Dance;
- 12 (5) Arkansas Association of School Administrators;
- 13 (6) Arkansas Center for Health Improvement;
- 14 (7) Arkansas Children's Hospital;
- 15 (8) Arkansas Department of Education;
- 16 (9) Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services;
- 17 (10) Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services Division
- 18 of Health, Center for Health Advancement;
- 19 (11) Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services Division
- 20 of Health, Center for Local Public Health;
- 21 (12) Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services Medical
- 22 Services Division;
- 23 (13) Arkansas Dietetics Association;
- 24 (14) Arkansas Educators Association;
- 25 (15) Arkansas Medical Society;
- 26 (16) Arkansas Minority Health Commission;
- 27 (17) Arkansas Ophthalmologists Association;
- 28 (18) Arkansas Optometric Association;
- 29 (19) Arkansas School Boards Association;
- 30 (20) Arkansas School Nurses Association;
- 31 (21) College of Public Health;
- 32 (22) Elementary School Principals;
- 33 (23) High School Principals; and
- 34 (23) Middle School Principals.

35 (c) The committee shall complete the study and make its findings and

36 recommendations to the Department of Education, the Senate Interim Committee

1 on Education, the House Interim Committee on Education, the Senate Interim
2 Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor, and the House Interim
3 Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor on or before May 1, 2008.

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