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A Bill

SENATE BILL 60

5 By: Senator Irvin
6 By: Representative L. Johnson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE
10 CONCERNING MANDATED VISION SCREENINGS FOR PUBLIC
11 SCHOOL STUDENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE
16 CONCERNING MANDATED VISION SCREENINGS FOR
17 PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-18-1501(a)(1)(A)(i), concerning vision
23 screenings, is amended to read as follows:

24 (a)(1)(A)(i) ~~Beginning with the 2006-2007 school year, all~~ All
25 children in prekindergarten (preK), kindergarten (K), grades one (1), two
26 (2), four (4), six (6), and eight (8) and all transfer students shall receive
27 an eye and vision screening.
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29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-18-1501(b), concerning vision screenings,
30 is amended to read as follows:

31 (b) ~~An eye and vision screening shall include the following~~ The
32 Division of Elementary and Secondary Education, in conjunction with the
33 Arkansas Commission on Eye and Vision Care of School-Age Children, shall
34 adopt rules to establish the tests, procedures, equipment, and instruments
35 that shall be used to perform eye and vision screenings. ~~approved by the~~
36 ~~Arkansas Commission on Eye and Vision Care of School-Age Children and the~~



1 ~~division:~~

- 2 ~~(1) Observation and external inspection of the eye;~~
- 3 ~~(2) Distance visual acuity test using a Snellen eye chart at~~
- 4 ~~twenty feet (20') or an age or developmentally appropriate chart at ten feet~~
- 5 ~~(10') outside a vision screening instrument;~~
- 6 ~~(3) A plus lens visual acuity test using a Snellen eye chart at~~
- 7 ~~twenty feet (20') or an age or developmentally appropriate chart at ten feet~~
- 8 ~~(10') outside a vision screening instrument; and~~
- 9 ~~(4) Visual screening instrument tests, which include:~~
 - 10 ~~(A) Lateral muscle balance test at far;~~
 - 11 ~~(B) Vertical muscle balance test at far;~~
 - 12 ~~(C) Fusion or binocularity at far;~~
 - 13 ~~(D) Lateral muscle balance test at near;~~
 - 14 ~~(E) Fusion or binocularity at near; and~~
 - 15 ~~(F) Color perception.~~

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