

First Extraordinary Session, 2005

HOUSE BILL NO. 22

BY REPRESENTATIVE CRANE AND SENATORS CHAISSON, QUINN,
THEUNISSEN, AND ULLO

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:2112(A)(1) and to enact R.S. 17:2112(C), relative to the
3 required time lines for conducting sight and hearing tests for certain pupils; to
4 provide for the applicability of the requirement for testing the sight and hearing of
5 pupils within thirty days after the admission of any pupils entering school late in the
6 session; to provide for the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to
7 adopt rules relative to such requirement; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide
8 for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 17:2112(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:2112(C)
11 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §2112. Testing pupils' sight and hearing; testing for dyslexia; notice to parent or
13 tutor; report to state superintendent

14 A.(1) ~~Every~~ Except as otherwise provided in Subsection C of this Section,
15 every city, parish, and other local public school board, during the first semester of
16 the school year or within thirty days after the admission of any pupils entering the
17 school late in the session, shall test the sight, including color screening for all first
18 grade students, and hearing of each and all pupils under their charge, except those
19 pupils whose parent or tutor objects to such examination, as provided for in R.S.
20 17:156. Such testing shall be completed in accordance with the schedule established
21 by the American Academy of Pediatrics. The State Board of Elementary and
22 Secondary Education may convert the age equivalent as provided by the American

1 Academy of Pediatrics schedule to the academic year equivalent which corresponds
2 to that age.

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4 C.(1) Effective for the 2005-2006 school year, the provisions of Paragraph
5 (A)(1) of this Section relative to the requirement for testing the sight and hearing of
6 pupils within thirty days after the admission of any pupils entering school late in the
7 session shall not be applicable.

8 (2) The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education may adopt rules
9 effective for the 2005-2006 school year relative to the requirement for testing the
10 sight and hearing of pupils entering school late in the session.

11 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
12 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
13 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
14 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
15 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____