

Existing law (R.S. 17:2112(A)(1)) requires public school boards, during the first semester of the school year or within 30 days after the admission of any pupils entering the school late in the session, to test the sight for all first grade students and the hearing of all pupils. Exempts from such testing any pupil whose parent or tutor objects to such testing as provided in R.S. 17:156 (which provides that no student shall be subjected to any physical examination or inspection if his parent or tutor objects). Requires that such testing be done in accordance with the schedule established by the American Academy of Pediatrics. Allows the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to make certain conversions relative to the age equivalent as provided by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

New law retains existing law except provides that effective for the 2005-2006 school year, existing law provisions relative to the requirement for testing the sight and hearing of pupils within 30 days after the admission of any pupils entering school late in the session shall not be applicable. Authorizes BESE to adopt rules effective for the 2005-2006 school year relative to the requirement for testing the sight and hearing of pupils entering school late in the session.

Effective upon signature of governor (November 29, 2005).

(Amends R.S. 17:2112(A)(1); Adds R.S. 17:2112(C))