

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1144 (Substitute for House Bill No. 302 by Representative Leger)

BY REPRESENTATIVES LEGER, BOUIE, BROADWATER, STEVE CARTER, AND HALL

HEALTH/CHILDREN: Requires public school students entering kindergarten and sixth grade to provide documentation of completion of a wellness evaluation

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:173 and 3996(B)(4), relative to student health evaluations; to require public
3 school students entering kindergarten and grade six to provide documentation of a
4 wellness evaluation; to provide requirements for such evaluations; to provide for
5 exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:173 and 3996(B)(4) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §173. Wellness evaluations; documentation required for certain public school
9 students; exceptions

10 A. Except as provided in Subsection C of this Section, each student entering
11 kindergarten or grade six in any public school shall provide satisfactory evidence of
12 completion of a wellness evaluation. The wellness evaluation shall:

13 (1) Be conducted by a person licensed or certified in Louisiana to provide
14 healthcare services as a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner.

15 (2) Be completed in accordance with the health guidelines for preventative
16 care screenings and well-child visits established by the American Academy of
17 Pediatrics.

18 (3) Be completed within twelve months prior to entering kindergarten or
19 grade six, as applicable.

Proposed law requires each student entering kindergarten or grade six in any public school, including charter schools, to provide satisfactory evidence of a wellness evaluation that meets the following requirements:

- (1) Is conducted by a person licensed or certified in La. to provide healthcare services as a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner.
- (2) Is completed in accordance with the health guidelines for preventative care screenings and well-child visits established by the American Academy of Pediatrics.
- (3) Is completed within 12 months prior to school entry.

Requires the principal of the public school to verify receipt of the evidence of completion of the wellness evaluation. Provides that a student is not required to submit such evidence if he or his parent or legal guardian submits a written dissent. Further provides that proposed law shall not be construed or implemented to require that a student or his parent or legal guardian provide any medical record or other information to the school other than the documentation required by proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 17:173 and 3996(B)(4))