

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 540

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STUDENTS: Provides relative to screenings of students' sight

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:2112(A)(1) and to repeal R.S. 17:2112(C), relative to testing
3 pupils' sight; to remove the requirement that each first grade student have a color
4 screening; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

7 §2112. Testing pupils' sight and hearing; testing for dyslexia; notice to parent or
8 tutor; report to state superintendent

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

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1 Section 2. R.S. 17:2112(C) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes requirement that the mandatory sight testing of public school students include color screening for first grade students.

Present law provides for student examinations relative to sight, hearing, and dyslexia.

Proposed law removes requirement that first grade students undergo color screening as part of their sight testing.

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