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SB 206 Engrossed

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2026 Regular Session

Miller

Present law requires every public school board to test the sight and hearing of each pupil 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, unless the parent or tutor of the pupil objects.

Present law requires the testing to be completed in accordance with the schedule established by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Proposed law requires blood pressure testing to be performed with the vision and hearing tests.

Present law requires each school board to keep a record of the examinations, to follow up on deficiencies within 60 days, and notify in writing the parent or tutor of every pupil found to have any defect of sight or hearing.

Proposed law extends those requirements to blood pressure testing and requires the parent or tutor of every pupil with abnormal blood pressure to be notified.

Proposed law requires a qualified healthcare professional to include a cardiovascular prescreening, that follows nationally recognized, evidence-based guidelines, in a physical examination of a student athlete and provides that a student athlete with a positive finding must be referred for further evaluation and testing.

Proposed law provides that educational materials on causes of sudden cardiac arrest in minor children must be distributed to the parents or guardians of students participating in school sports, as part of a student's physical examination and completion of athletic permission forms.

Present law requires charter schools to comply with the public school requirements for hearing and vision screenings.

Proposed law requires charter schools to comply with the blood pressure testing requirements provided for in proposed law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 17:2112(A) and 3996(A)(10); adds R.S. 17:2112(B) and (C)(3))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Requires a healthcare profession to include a cardiovascular prescreening in a physical examination of a student athlete.
3. Requires a student athlete with positive findings be referred for further evaluation and testing.
4. Provides for educational materials on sudden cardiac arrest in minors to parents or guardians of students participating in school sports.
5. Authorizes BESE, with LDH, to adopt rules to effectuate the requirement for cardiovascular prescreening.