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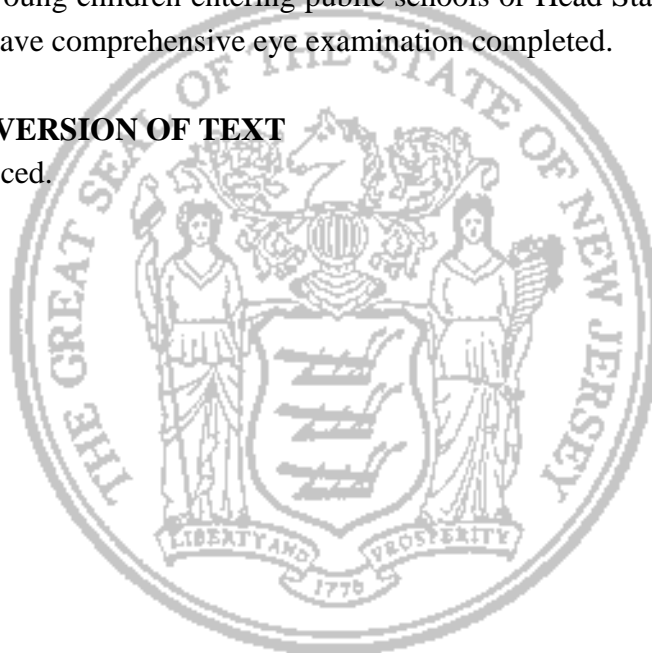
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SYNOPSIS

Requires young children entering public schools or Head Start Programs for first time to have comprehensive eye examination completed.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/15/2019)

1 AN ACT concerning the vision of certain children and
2 supplementing chapter 40 of Title 18A of the New Jersey
3 Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. a. The State Board of Education shall require a child age 6
9 and under who is entering a public preschool, public school, or a
10 Head Start Program for the first time to have a comprehensive eye
11 examination completed by an optometrist or ophthalmologist by
12 January 1 of the child's initial year of enrollment in the school or
13 program.

14 b. A principal, director, or other person in charge of a public
15 preschool, public school, or Head Start Program shall collect from
16 the child's parent or guardian evidence of the child's
17 comprehensive eye examination, as provided by regulation of the
18 State board.

19 c. A comprehensive eye examination that was performed prior
20 to a child's initial enrollment in a public preschool, public school,
21 or Head Start Program shall be deemed to satisfy the requirement of
22 this section.

23 d. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules and
24 regulations pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
25 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to implement the provisions
26 of this section.

27 e. As used in this section, "comprehensive eye examination"
28 means an evaluation that includes a child's history, external and
29 ophthalmoscopic examination, visual acuity, ocular alignment and
30 motility, refraction, and assessment of accommodation and
31 binocular vision, performed by an optometrist or ophthalmologist.

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33 2. This act shall take effect in the first full school year
34 following the date of enactment.

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STATEMENT

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39 This bill directs the State Board of Education to require each
40 child age 6 and under who is entering a public preschool, public
41 school, or a Head Start Program for the first time to have a
42 comprehensive eye examination completed by an optometrist or
43 ophthalmologist by January 1 of the child's initial year of
44 enrollment in the school or program. A principal, director or other
45 person in charge of a public preschool, public school, or Head Start
46 Program must collect from the child's parent or guardian evidence
47 of the child's comprehensive eye examination, as provided by
48 regulation of the State board. The bill provides that a child who has

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- 1 previously had a comprehensive eye exam will not be required to
- 2 undergo an additional eye examination upon enrollment in a public
- 3 preschool, public school, or Head Start Program.