
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that school physical
2 examinations are currently only conducted upon entry into the
3 public school system, usually in kindergarten. The expansion of
4 physical examination requirements for public school students
5 will help reinforce a culture of wellness and preventative
6 health care in the State. Furthermore, for children and
7 adolescents who are obese, an additional physical examination
8 visit provides an opportunity for the health care provider to
9 assess the possible causes of obesity and develop a plan to
10 support family-based lifestyle changes.

11 The purpose of this Act is to require a child to provide
12 written documentation of a physical examination performed within
13 twelve months prior to attending seventh grade at a public
14 school.

15 SECTION 2. Section 302A-1159, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 "**§302A-1159 Physical examination required.** (a) Beginning
18 with the 2017-2018 school year, no child shall attend seventh



1 grade unless the child presents to the appropriate school
2 official written documentation from a licensed physician or
3 advanced practice registered nurse showing completion of the
4 required physical examination performed within twelve months
5 before the date of attendance. A child may attend school
6 provisionally; provided that the parents or guardians of the
7 child certify that the child has an appointment for a physical
8 examination; and provided that further documentation showing
9 that the required physical examination has been completed shall
10 be submitted to the appropriate school official no later than
11 three months after the child first attends seventh grade. The
12 department of education shall send notification of the required
13 physical examination to a child's parents or guardians as soon
14 as practicable after the child has left sixth grade.

15 (b) No child shall attend any school for the first time in
16 the State unless the child presents to the appropriate school
17 official a report from a licensed physician or advanced practice
18 registered nurse of the results of a physical examination
19 performed within [~~a year of~~] twelve months before the date of
20 attendance at school. A child may attend school provisionally
21 upon submitting written documentation from a licensed physician,



1 advanced practice registered nurse, or other authorized
2 representative of the department of health stating that the
3 child is in the process of undergoing a physical examination.
4 Further documentation showing that the required physical
5 examination has been completed shall be submitted to the
6 appropriate school official no later than three months after the
7 child first attends the school."

8 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Physical Examination; Education

Description:

Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, requires a child to provide written documentation of a physical examination performed within twelve months prior to attending seventh grade at a public school. Provides for provisional attendance if an exam is scheduled. (SD1)

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