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## SENATE BILL NO. 437

Offered January 21, 2000

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 22.1-270 of the Code of Virginia, relating to preschool physical examinations.*

Patrons—Potts, Barry, Bolling, Byrne, Couric, Edwards, Forbes, Hanger, Hawkins, Houck, Howell, Lambert, Lucas, Miller, K.G., Mims, Newman, Norment, Puckett, Puller, Quayle, Rerras, Reynolds, Saslaw, Schrock, Stosch, Ticer, Trumbo, Whipple and Williams; Delegates: Drake, Dudley, O'Brien, Purkey and Wardrup

Referred to Committee on Education and Health

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 22.1-270 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 22.1-270. Preschool physical examinations.

A. No pupil shall be admitted for the first time to any public kindergarten or elementary school in a school division unless such pupil shall furnish, prior to admission, (i) a report from a qualified licensed physician, *or a licensed nurse practitioner acting under the supervision of a licensed physician*, of a comprehensive physical examination of a scope prescribed by the State Health Commissioner performed ~~no earlier than~~ *within* the twelve months prior to the date such pupil first enters such public kindergarten or elementary school or (ii) records establishing that such pupil furnished such report upon prior admission to another school or school division and providing the information contained in such report.

B. The physician *or licensed nurse practitioner acting under the supervision of a licensed physician* making a report of a physical examination required by this section shall, at the end of such report, summarize the abnormal physical findings, if any, and shall specifically state what, if any, conditions are found that would identify the child as handicapped.

C. Such physical examination report shall be placed in the child's health record at the school and shall be made available for review by any employee or official of the State Department of Health or any local health department at the request of such employee or official.

D. Such physical examination shall not be required of any child whose parent or guardian shall object on religious grounds and who shows no visual evidence of sickness, provided that such parent or guardian shall state in writing that, to the best of his knowledge, such child is in good health and free from any communicable or contagious disease.

E. The health departments of all of the counties and cities of the Commonwealth shall conduct such physical examinations for medically indigent children without charge upon request and may provide such examinations to others on such uniform basis as such departments may establish.

F, G. [Repealed.]

H. ~~The provisions of this section shall not apply to any child who was admitted to a public school prior to July 1, 1972.~~

I. Parents or guardians of entering students shall complete a health information form which shall be distributed by the local school divisions. Such forms shall be developed and provided jointly by the Department of Education and Department of Health, or developed and provided by the school division and approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Such forms shall be returnable within fifteen days of receipt unless reasonable extensions have been granted by the superintendent or his designee. Upon failure of the parent or guardian to complete such form within the extended time, the superintendent may send to the parent or guardian written notice of the date he intends to exclude the child from school.

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