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May 9, 2007

The Honorable Michael Mauro
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
LOCAL

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 906, an Act requiring children enrolling in elementary or high school to have a dental screening and providing an effective date.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chester J. Culver", written over a horizontal line.

Chester J. Culver
Governor

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cc: Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House





HOUSE FILE 906

AN ACT

REQUIRING CHILDREN ENROLLING IN ELEMENTARY OR HIGH SCHOOL TO
HAVE A DENTAL SCREENING AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.17 DENTAL SCREENING OF
CHILDREN.

1. a. Except as provided in paragraphs "c" and "d", the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in elementary school shall provide evidence to the school district or accredited nonpublic elementary school in which the child is enrolled of the child having, no earlier than three years of age but prior to reaching six years of age, at a minimum, a dental screening performed by a licensed physician as defined in chapter 148 or 150, a nurse licensed under chapter 152, a licensed physician assistant as defined in section 148C.1, or a licensed dental hygienist or dentist as defined in chapter 153. Except as provided in paragraphs "c" and "d", the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in high school shall provide evidence to the school district or accredited nonpublic high school in which the child is enrolled of the child having, at a minimum, a dental screening performed within the prior year by a licensed dental hygienist or dentist as defined in chapter 153. A school district or accredited nonpublic school shall provide

access to a process to complete the screenings described in this paragraph as appropriate.

b. A person performing a dental screening required by this section shall record the fact of having conducted the screening, and such additional information required by the department, on uniform forms developed by the department in cooperation with the department of education. The form shall include a space for the person performing the screening to summarize any condition that may indicate a need for special services.

c. The department shall specify the procedures that constitute a dental screening and authorize a waiver signed by a licensed physician, nurse, physician assistant, dental hygienist, or dentist for a person who is unduly burdened by the screening requirement.

d. The dental screening requirement shall not apply to a person who submits an affidavit signed by the person or, if the person is a minor, the person's parent or legal guardian, stating that the dental screening conflicts with a genuine and sincere religious belief.

2. Each public and nonpublic school shall give notice of the dental screening requirement to parents of students enrolled or to be enrolled in the school at least ninety days before the start of the school year in the manner prescribed by the department.


3. A person may be provisionally enrolled in a public or nonpublic elementary or high school if the person is in the process of obtaining the required dental screening.

4. Each local board shall furnish the department, within sixty days after the start of the school year, evidence that each person enrolled in any public or nonpublic school within the local board's jurisdiction has met the dental screening requirement in this section.

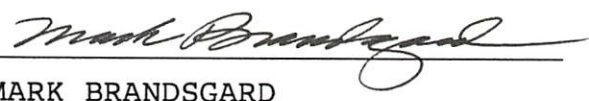
5. The department shall adopt rules to administer this section.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect July 1, 2008.



PATRICK J. MURPHY
Speaker of the House


JOHN P. KIBBIE
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 906, Eighty-second General Assembly.


MARK BRANDSGARD
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved May 9th, 2007


CHESTER J. CULVER
Governor