

# House Study Bill 21

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BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT  
OF PUBLIC HEALTH BILL)

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring children to have a dental screening as a  
2 condition of enrollment in elementary or high school and  
3 providing an effective date.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
5 TLSB 1211XD 82  
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.17 DENTAL SCREENING OF  
1 2 CHILDREN.  
1 3 1. a. A person shall not be enrolled in a public or  
1 4 nonpublic elementary school without presenting evidence upon  
1 5 initial enrollment in the school of having, at a minimum, a  
1 6 dental screening performed within the prior year by a licensed  
1 7 physician as defined in chapter 148 or 150, or a licensed  
1 8 dental hygienist or dentist as defined in chapter 153. A  
1 9 person shall not be enrolled in a public or nonpublic high  
1 10 school without presenting evidence upon initial enrollment in  
1 11 the school of having, at a minimum, a dental screening  
1 12 performed within the prior year by a licensed dental hygienist  
1 13 or dentist as defined in chapter 153.  
1 14 b. A person performing a dental screening required by this  
1 15 section shall record the fact of having conducted the  
1 16 screening, and such additional information required by the  
1 17 department, on uniform forms developed by the department in  
1 18 cooperation with the department of education. The form shall  
1 19 include a space for the person performing the screening to  
1 20 summarize any condition that may indicate a need for special  
1 21 services.  
1 22 c. The department shall specify the procedures that  
1 23 constitute a dental screening and authorize a waiver signed by  
1 24 a licensed physician, dental hygienist, or dentist for a  
1 25 person who is unduly burdened by the screening requirement.  
1 26 2. Each public and nonpublic school shall give notice of  
1 27 the dental screening requirement to parents of students  
1 28 enrolled or to be enrolled in the school at least ninety days  
1 29 before the start of the school year in the manner prescribed  
1 30 by the department.  
1 31 3. A person may be provisionally enrolled in a public or  
1 32 nonpublic elementary or high school if the person is in the  
1 33 process of obtaining the required dental screening.  
1 34 4. Each local board shall furnish the department, within  
1 35 sixty days after the start of the school year, evidence that  
2 1 each person enrolled in any public or nonpublic school within  
2 2 the local board's jurisdiction has met the dental screening  
2 3 requirement in this section.  
2 4 5. The department shall adopt rules to administer this  
2 5 section.  
2 6 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect July 1,  
2 7 2008.

### EXPLANATION

2 9 This bill requires all children, prior to their initial  
2 10 enrollment in a public or nonpublic elementary or high school,  
2 11 to obtain a dental screening. The bill requires the person  
2 12 performing the screening to complete a uniform form regarding  
2 13 the screening and requires the department of public health to  
2 14 specify the procedures constituting a screening and to  
2 15 authorize a waiver for persons who are unduly burdened by the  
2 16 requirement.  
2 17 The bill requires schools to give notice to parents of the  
2 18 screening requirement. The bill also provides for provisional

2 19 enrollment if a child is in the process of obtaining a  
2 20 screening. Each local board of health is required to furnish  
2 21 the department with evidence that all children enrolled in the  
2 22 schools within the board's jurisdiction have met the screening  
2 23 requirement.  
2 24 The bill takes effect July 1, 2008.  
2 25 LSB 1211XD 82  
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