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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to requirements for blood lead testing and dental
2 screening of children.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 135.17, subsection 2, as enacted by
1 2 2007 Iowa Acts, chapter 146, section 1, is amended to read as
1 3 follows:

1 4 2. Each public and nonpublic school shall give notice of
1 5 the dental screening requirement to parents and guardians of
1 6 students enrolled or to be enrolled in the school ~~at least~~
~~1 7 ninety days before the start of the school year by the start~~
1 8 ~~of the school calendar~~ in the manner prescribed by the
1 9 department.

1 10 Sec. 2. Section 135.17, subsection 3, as enacted by 2007
1 11 Iowa Acts, chapter 146, section 1, is amended by striking the
1 12 subsection.

1 13 Sec. 3. Section 135.17, subsection 4, as enacted by 2007
1 14 Iowa Acts, chapter 146, section 1, is amended to read as
1 15 follows:

1 16 4. ~~Each~~ By June 30 annually, each local board shall
1 17 furnish the department, ~~within sixty days after the start of~~
~~1 18 the school year, with~~ evidence that each person enrolled in
1 19 any public or nonpublic school within the local board's
1 20 jurisdiction has met the dental screening requirement in this
1 21 section.

1 22 Sec. 4. Section 135.105D, subsection 2, paragraphs b and
1 23 c, Code Supplement 2007, are amended to read as follows:

1 24 b. A child of compulsory attendance age may be
1 25 ~~provisionally~~ enrolled in an elementary school if the child's
1 26 parent or guardian consents to have the child receive a blood
1 27 lead test as rapidly as is feasible ~~but not later than sixty~~
~~1 28 days after the school calendar commences. The department~~
~~1 29 shall adopt rules relating to the provisional enrollment of~~
~~1 30 children to an elementary school in accordance with this~~
~~1 31 paragraph.~~

1 32 c. The board of directors of each school district and the
1 33 authorities in charge of each nonpublic school shall give
1 34 notice of the blood lead test requirement to parents and
1 35 guardians of students enrolled or to be enrolled in the school
2 1 ~~at least ninety days before~~ by the start of the school year
2 2 ~~calendar~~ in the manner prescribed by the department.

2 3 Sec. 5. Section 135.105D, subsection 3, Code Supplement
2 4 2007, is amended to read as follows:

2 5 3. The board of directors of each school district and the
2 6 authorities in charge of each nonpublic school shall furnish
2 7 the department, ~~in the format specified by the department,~~
2 8 ~~within sixty days after the first official day start of the~~
2 9 ~~school calendar, evidence that each child a list of the~~
~~2 10 children enrolled in any elementary school has either been~~
~~2 11 tested as required in subsection 2 or received a waiver under~~
~~2 12 subsection 4 kindergarten. The department shall notify the~~
~~2 13 school districts and nonpublic schools of the children who~~
~~2 14 have not met the blood lead testing requirements set forth in~~
~~2 15 this section and shall work with the school districts,~~
~~2 16 nonpublic schools, and the local childhood lead poisoning~~
~~2 17 prevention programs to assure that these children are tested~~
~~2 18 as required by this section.~~

EXPLANATION

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This bill relates to the school enrollment and notice requirements for blood lead testing and dental screening of a child who is enrolled in or enrolling in a school district or accredited nonpublic school.

The bill strikes from the new Code section regulating dental screening of children, which takes effect July 1, 2008, a provision addressing the provisional enrollment in school of persons in the process of obtaining a dental screening. The provision, enacted pursuant to 2007 Iowa Acts, chapter 146, section 1, provided that a person could be enrolled in a school district or accredited nonpublic school if the person is in the process of obtaining a dental screening.

The bill permits a child to be enrolled in school, rather than provisionally enrolled, if the child's parent or guardian consents to have the child receive a blood lead test as rapidly as is feasible. Currently, the Code requires that as a condition of the provisional enrollment, a parent or guardian must consent to have the child receive the test not later than 60 days after the school calendar commences.

The bill requires school districts and schools by the start of the school calendar to give notice of the blood lead testing and dental screening requirements to parents and guardians of children who are or are to be enrolled in school. Currently, notice is required at least 90 days prior to the start of the school year.

The bill replaces the deadline by which school districts and schools must provide evidence to the department of public health that each child enrolled in elementary school had a blood lead test or received a waiver on religious grounds, as well as the deadline by which local boards of health must furnish the department with evidence that each person enrolled in a school within the board's jurisdiction has met the dental screening requirement. Under the bill, school districts and schools must provide the department, within 60 days after the school calendar start date, with a list of the children enrolled in kindergarten. The department of public health is directed to notify the school districts and schools of the children who have not met the blood lead testing requirements and must work with the districts, schools, and local childhood lead poisoning prevention programs to assure that these children are tested. The bill requires the local boards of health to furnish the department with evidence, by June 30 annually, that each student enrolled in a school within the local board's jurisdiction has met the dental screening requirements.

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