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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring children enrolling in elementary or high school  
2 to have a dental screening and providing an effective date.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.17 DENTAL SCREENING OF  
1 2 CHILDREN.  
1 3 1. a. Except as provided in paragraphs "c" and "d", the  
1 4 parent or guardian of a child enrolled in elementary school  
1 5 shall provide evidence to the school district or accredited  
1 6 nonpublic elementary school in which the child is enrolled of  
1 7 the child having, no earlier than three years of age but prior  
1 8 to reaching six years of age, at a minimum, a dental screening  
1 9 performed by a licensed physician as defined in chapter 148 or  
1 10 150, a nurse licensed under chapter 152, a licensed physician  
1 11 assistant as defined in section 148C.1, or a licensed dental  
1 12 hygienist or dentist as defined in chapter 153. Except as  
1 13 provided in paragraphs "c" and "d", the parent or guardian of  
1 14 a child enrolled in high school shall provide evidence to the  
1 15 school district or accredited nonpublic high school in which  
1 16 the child is enrolled of the child having, at a minimum, a  
1 17 dental screening performed within the prior year by a licensed  
1 18 dental hygienist or dentist as defined in chapter 153. A  
1 19 school district or accredited nonpublic school shall provide  
1 20 access to a process to complete the screenings described in  
1 21 this paragraph as appropriate.  
1 22 b. A person performing a dental screening required by this  
1 23 section shall record the fact of having conducted the  
1 24 screening, and such additional information required by the  
1 25 department, on uniform forms developed by the department in  
1 26 cooperation with the department of education. The form shall  
1 27 include a space for the person performing the screening to  
1 28 summarize any condition that may indicate a need for special  
1 29 services.  
1 30 c. The department shall specify the procedures that  
1 31 constitute a dental screening and authorize a waiver signed by  
1 32 a licensed physician, nurse, physician assistant, dental  
1 33 hygienist, or dentist for a person who is unduly burdened by  
1 34 the screening requirement.  
1 35 d. The dental screening requirement shall not apply to a  
2 1 person who submits an affidavit signed by the person or, if  
2 2 the person is a minor, the person's parent or legal guardian,  
2 3 stating that the dental screening conflicts with a genuine and  
2 4 sincere religious belief.  
2 5 2. Each public and nonpublic school shall give notice of  
2 6 the dental screening requirement to parents of students  
2 7 enrolled or to be enrolled in the school at least ninety days  
2 8 before the start of the school year in the manner prescribed  
2 9 by the department.  
2 10 3. A person may be provisionally enrolled in a public or  
2 11 nonpublic elementary or high school if the person is in the  
2 12 process of obtaining the required dental screening.  
2 13 4. Each local board shall furnish the department, within  
2 14 sixty days after the start of the school year, evidence that  
2 15 each person enrolled in any public or nonpublic school within  
2 16 the local board's jurisdiction has met the dental screening  
2 17 requirement in this section.  
2 18 5. The department shall adopt rules to administer this

2 19 section.

2 20 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect July 1,  
2 21 2008.

2 22 EXPLANATION

2 23 This bill requires all children enrolled in a public or  
2 24 nonpublic elementary or high school, to obtain a dental  
2 25 screening. The bill requires the person performing the  
2 26 screening to complete a uniform form regarding the screening  
2 27 and requires the department of public health to specify the  
2 28 procedures constituting a screening and to authorize a waiver  
2 29 for persons who are unduly burdened by the requirement. The  
2 30 screen requirement does not apply to a person who submits an  
2 31 affidavit stating that the screening conflicts with a genuine  
2 32 and sincere religious belief.

2 33 The bill requires schools to give notice to parents of the  
2 34 screening requirement. The bill also provides for provisional  
2 35 enrollment if a child is in the process of obtaining a  
3 1 screening. Each local board of health is required to furnish  
3 2 the department with evidence that all children enrolled in the  
3 3 schools within the board's jurisdiction have met the screening  
3 4 requirement.

3 5 The bill takes effect July 1, 2008.

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