

Senate File 2153 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3067)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the administration of student health
2 screenings by school districts.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 279.72 Health screenings —
2 prohibition.

3 1. Each school district is prohibited from administering
4 or conducting a student health screening that is not required
5 by state or federal law without first acquiring the written
6 consent of the student's parent or guardian. This section
7 applies only to a minor child in the direct care of a parent or
8 guardian, and does not apply to an emancipated minor or a minor
9 who is not residing with the parent or guardian.

10 2. This section shall not be construed to prohibit a school
11 district from conducting health screenings in emergent care
12 situations or from cooperating in a child abuse assessment
13 commenced in accordance with section 232.71B.

14 3. For purposes of this section, "*student health screening*"
15 means an intentionally planned, periodic process to identify if
16 a student may be at risk for a health concern and to determine
17 if a referral for an in-depth assessment is needed to consider
18 appropriate health services.

19 EXPLANATION

20 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
21 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

22 This bill prohibits school districts from administering or
23 conducting student health screenings that are not required
24 by state or federal law unless the school district has first
25 acquired the written consent of the students' parent or
26 guardian.

27 However, the prohibition applies only to a minor child in
28 the direct care of a parent or guardian, and does not apply to
29 an emancipated minor or a minor who is not residing with the
30 parent or guardian. In addition, the provision shall not be
31 construed to prohibit a school district from conducting health
32 screenings in emergent care situations or from cooperating in a
33 child abuse assessment.

34 The bill includes a definition for "*student health*
35 screening".