

**House File 2126 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

- 1 An Act relating to inclusion of comprehensive testing
- 2 for convergence insufficiency in required child vision
- 3 screenings.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 135.39D, subsection 3, Code 2024, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. All vision screening methods pursuant to subsection 2,  
4 including emerging vision screening technologies, shall be  
5 age-appropriate and shall be approved by the department in  
6 consultation with leading vision organizations in the state,  
7 licensed ophthalmologists, and licensed optometrists. All  
8 vision screening methods pursuant to subsection 2 shall include  
9 comprehensive testing for convergence insufficiency. For the  
10 purposes of this subsection, "convergence insufficiency" means  
11 a vision condition that affects near vision and eye muscle  
12 coordination and that is characterized by a decreased ability  
13 to converge the eyes and maintain binocular fusion while  
14 focusing on a near target.

15 EXPLANATION

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

18 This bill requires that all vision screening methods  
19 utilized in meeting the requirement for a child vision  
20 screening shall include comprehensive testing for convergence  
21 insufficiency. "Convergence insufficiency" is a vision  
22 condition that affects near vision and eye muscle coordination  
23 and that is characterized by a decreased ability to converge  
24 the eyes and maintain binocular fusion while focusing on a near  
25 target.