

House Study Bill 651 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON WHEELER)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to health examinations, surveys, and screenings
2 conducted by school districts, charter schools, and
3 innovation zone schools.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 279.76, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code
2 2024, is amended to read as follows:

3 c. This subsection shall not apply to a hearing, dental, or
4 vision examination.

5 EXPLANATION

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

8 This bill relates to health examinations, surveys, and
9 screenings conducted by school districts, charter schools, and
10 innovation zone schools.

11 Current law prohibits school districts, charter schools, and
12 innovation zone schools from conducting an invasive physical
13 examination of a student, a student health screening that is
14 not required by state or federal law, or a formal examination
15 or survey of a student that is designed to assess the student's
16 mental, emotional, or physical health that is not required
17 by state or federal law, without first acquiring the written
18 consent of the student's parent or guardian. Current law
19 also requires that school districts, charter schools, and
20 innovation zone schools give written notice to a student's
21 parent or guardian of an examination or survey of the student
22 required by state or federal law that is designed to assess
23 the student's mental, emotional, or physical health not less
24 than seven days prior to the examination or survey. However,
25 these prohibitions and requirements do not apply to hearing
26 and vision examinations. The bill provides that dental
27 examinations are also exempted from these prohibitions and
28 requirements.